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H.M. the King, above, was described as the greatest "travel agent" by Lord Stanley, in a speech yesterday, "as his world-wide travels have done much towards the peace and prosperity of the world."

MR. WANG'S SEA VOYAGE

Proposed Long Rest In Europe
MAY RETURN TO POLITICS IN THE FUTURE

(From Our Own Correspondent) Canton, To-day.

Although Mr. Wang Ching-wei will pass through Hong Kong to-day aboard the German steamer Gneisenau en route to Europe, it is authoritatively learned that Mr. Hu Han-min will not in the near future go to Nanking to join the National Government.

Mr. Hu wants to make sure that the National Government will stop the "gnawing" policy of Japan before he will leave for the capital. It is not likely that Mr. Hu will go to Hong Kong to-day to meet Mr. Wang, but two representatives of Canton officials will board the Gneisenau at Hong Kong and convey regards to Mr. Wang in their personal capacity.

Mr. Wang's entourage includes Mr. Tseng Chung-ming, Vice-Minister of Communications and his wife, Dr. Kurt Knoll, German medical adviser, Mr. Chen Yue-cho, brother-in-law of Mr. Wang, and his wife, and Mr. Teng Liang-li, publicity agent of Mr. Wang and concurrently adviser to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The political correspondent of the Canton Daily Sun stated that after a long rest in Europe Mr. Wang Ching-wei may come back to China to resume public life. Chinese politics, he pointed out, "are fast changing, and anything may happen."

WANG CHING-WEI'S ARRIVAL

No Reporters Allowed Near Him

A crowd of Chinese pressmen were waiting the m.v. Gneisenau when she tied up at Kowloon at 1.30 p.m. Their hopes of obtaining an interview with Mr. Wang Ching-wei, the late Chairman of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang, were, however, speedily dashed, a European police officer being stationed at the end of the passage leading to Mr. Wang's stateroom, who met them with the cautious words "No reporters allowed."

RUGBY XV ARRIVE

N. ZEALANDERS ON WAY HOME

Manager's Praise For Japanese

EXCELLENT SCRUMMAGING

(By "REFEREE")

"I am investigating the possibility of a return visit by the Japanese Rugby Union and have hopes that it will be possible, probably in 1938," said Mr. P. Martin-Smith, manager of the New Zealand Universities' touring Rugby team, which arrived back in Hong Kong this morning by the s.s. Kitano Maru from Japan.

The New Zealand team will be seen in action this afternoon against a much improved Colony side in their return game after having won the first by the convincing margin of 29 points to 8.

Commenting on their very successful tour of Japan, Mr. Martin-Smith said: "Japanese Rugby is very good and, above all, very bright. Their back work was particularly impressive, though it lacked individuality and initiative at times. However, in their final Test against us, they displayed a better understanding."

"The Japanese forwards were excellent in the tight scrummages, due no doubt to their low stature and stocky build."

"ROVING" FORWARD

"They packed 3-2-2, the back row forwards packing on the outside of the second row. They have resorted to the 'roving' forward, an old type of New Zealand Rugby which is very much favoured in Japan, or else they employ what is known as a seven-eighth. The latter plays deeper than the three-quarters and is almost a second fullback. He is probably one of the most dangerous men in the side, as he comes up unexpectedly to take an in-pass, which would ordinarily go to the wing-three-quarter, and instead of sending the ball to his wing after drawing his man, he will pass back the ball being exchanged in the centre several times before they find themselves up against a lone back. This type of play was featured in almost all the games we played in, but later on our forwards came up so fast that they smothered all such moves."

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QUEEN VICTORIA'S FUNERAL

Original Film Shown In London

London, To-day.

A film showing the funeral of Queen Victoria was shown yesterday at the Polytechnic Cinema, where it was originally shown 35 years ago. This film was shown in connection with the 40th anniversary of the invention of the cinema by a French inventor, whose first film was also shown with the original projector he invented. — Reuter's Bulletin Service.

MRS. SANGER IMPOSED

The dinner in honour of Mrs. Margaret Sanger and Mrs. How Martin which was to have been held at the Hong Kong Hotel this evening has been cancelled, as also has the showing of the film on birth control for members of the medical profession, owing to the indisposition of Mrs. Sanger.



The Arkansas swamps, near Goodwin, gave up the bodies of the 17 men, women, and children who plunged to their death in the luxury air liner "The Southerner" shortly before this picture of the broken aircraft was made on the scene of the tragedy. Sound wave transmission brought the picture East as a stark record of the worst tragedy in the history of American commercial aviation.

LEITH-ROSS MISSION

Welcome Extended By Canton

IMPORTANT DISCUSSIONS TO BE HELD

(From Our Own Correspondent) Canton, To-day.

As a last-minute arrangement, the South-west Political Council will give a luncheon in honour of Sir Frederick Leith-Ross and his party, so that all high officials here may meet the British visitors, who are due to arrive here this morning from Hong Kong.

General Chen Chi-tang, Commander-in-Chief of the Kwangtung forces, and Mr. Lin Yun-kai, Chairman of the Kwangtung Provincial Government, will entertain the party to dinner tonight at the Municipal Reception Building. Besides Sir Frederick, the party includes Lady Leith-Ross, Mr. N. E. Young, M.C. (British Treasury expert) and Mr. R. E. Scott, Acting Trade Commissioner in Hong Kong.

Their visit to Canton is strictly unofficial. However, Chinese officials will give the party a hearty welcome in the interests of Sino-British friendship and co-operation. It is learned that although Sir Frederick is primarily interested in the economic and monetary situation here, Chinese officials here will discuss with him economic co-operation between Canton and Hong Kong. There are several projects that may be realised through Anglo-Chinese co-operation, although what the schemes are cannot be disclosed at present.

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STRIKE IN COLOMBO

Transport Workers Involved

Colombo, To-day.

Transport workers have struck as a protest against the traffic regulation whereby licences will be cancelled after the tenth conviction. All trams, buses and motor vehicles have stopped running. Two travelling agencies have received intimidating letters threatening harm if they allow their motor vehicles to run for the benefit of their clients. — Reuter's Bulletin Service.

EXTRADITION REQUEST

Frank Confession Of Murder

Paris, To-day. In connection with the extradition request of the British Government for two French subjects on a charge of murder, the frank confession by Roger Vernon started the examining magistrate. Vernon confessed that he shot Kassel dead in self-defence without premeditation. — Reuter.

EARTHQUAKE

Buildings Collapse In Osaka

Tokyo, To-day.

An earthquake occurred at Osaka at seven minutes past 10 to-day, causing a number of houses to collapse and fire to break out in several districts. The casualties are unknown at present. Tokyo, Later: The earthquake, which rocked Osaka and Kobe, was felt in milder form at Nagoya at 10.07. Reports are slowly coming in. It seems that minor damage was done at Kobe, but the damage at Osaka was fairly severe, where some casualties and fires are reported. — Reuter.

FIRE BREAK OUT

Later: The tremors lasted 9.5 seconds. Fires broke out in dozens of points but were rapidly under control. The telephones and telegraphs were disrupted. Three workmen thrown off a chimney were killed and there were 11 casualties in a landslide. — Reuter.

STOP PRESS

Madrid: Though the country appears to be settling down generally, the jubilation of the members of the Left Parties at the result of the elections has led to excesses in a number of districts. Martial law has been proclaimed in Murcia, Alicante, following an outbreak of violence, in which the headquarters of the Catholic Party and the offices of Catholic papers were sacked and a convent set on fire. Twelve people were wounded when the police fired on a Socialist demonstration. — Reuter.

AMBASSADOR TO CHINA

New Appointment Approved

SIR HUGHES MONTGOMERY KNATCHBULL-HUGESSEN

London, To-day.

His Majesty the King has approved of the appointment of Sir Hughes Montgomery Knatchbull-Hugessen, at present Minister at Teheran, to the Ambassadorship to China, in succession to Sir Alexander Cadogan, who has been appointed Deputy Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, in succession to Sir Victor Wellesley, on retirement. — Reuter.

Sir Hughes entered the Foreign Office on October 7, 1908. He has seen service in a number of European capitals, including Paris, Brussels and The Hague. He held three joint Ministerships before being appointed to Teheran, serving as Envoy Extraordinary at Riga, Tallinn and Kovno in 1930. He was made a C.M.G. on January 1, 1920.

PRESS COMMENTS

London: Recalling that Sir Alexander Cadogan was for some years head of the League of Nations Department of the Foreign Office before he was appointed to China, the Daily Telegraph says that his appointment to succeed Sir Victor Wellesley is something more than a tribute to Sir Alexander's ability. It may be taken as further proof of Mr. Anthony Eden's desire to pursue the League policy at the Foreign Office. — Reuter.

DR. CHIMINOBE SHOT

Assailant Invades Residence

Tokyo, To-day.

Dr. Tatsuki Chimino, sponsor of the theory that the Emperor is an organ of the State itself, which precipitated a bitter controversy last August and resulted in his resignation from the House of Peers and three universities, was shot in the leg by a man who invaded his residence. The assailant was arrested. — Reuter.

INDIGNATION IN COMMONS

OFFICIAL ENQUIRY TO BE HELD

FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEBATE INTERRUPTED

London, To-day.

There was a shower of questions in the House of Commons yesterday with regard to the publication in a Rome newspaper of extracts from the secret report of Sir John Maffey to the Foreign Office in June 1935, with regard to the Italian claims in Abyssinia, pointing out that Britain had not any vital interest there. Mr. Winston Churchill and others were anxious to know how the leakage, which will be the subject of departmental enquiries in London, occurred.

Mr. George Lansbury urged that unless the House possessed the full facts before Monday it could not properly debate foreign affairs. Mr. Stanley Baldwin replied that he had been busy all morning and had not read the papers. He must consider the point, and could not give an answer at present.

Rome: Official circles deny the Paris suggestion that the publication by Rome of the Maffey report in the Giornale d'Italia has caused surprise and bewilderment. Most Italians do not understand the reason for publication of a particular section of the Maffey report, as it clearly favours the British standpoint and shows that in her attitude towards sanctions Britain is acting disinterestedly. — Reuter.

Rome: The revelations made by the Giornale d'Italia about the secret report of the British Colonial Office formed the sole theme of discussion in political circles yesterday, the public showing almost as keen an interest.

Above all it was pointed out that the authenticity of the document was nowhere questioned, but tactically admitted, inasmuch as the official authorities in London are making feverish efforts to ascertain how such a document could have come into the hands of a person who had no right to it. — Trans-Ocean Service.

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SEVEN BODIES RECOVERED

Excavation Work At Yaumati

Continuing their work through the night, the coolies engaged in the excavation work in the scene of the Woosung Street, Yaumati, collapse extricated seven bodies from the debris last night and their digging operations are expected to last throughout the whole of to-day. The bodies recovered were: Ip Choy (male) from No. 6; Mui Yee, female; Ho See Mui, female; Ho See Ka, female, from No. 4. Two unidentified males from No. 2 and one from No. 6. NO MORE BODIES. Enquiries from the Police at 2 p.m. elicited the news that though the excavation work had been going on all morning, no more bodies had been recovered apart from the seven mentioned in the earlier report. The work is still progressing and will be kept up for the rest of the day.

WEATHER REPORT

The anti-cyclone is still strong and pressure remains high, but to the north of Shanghai. Depressions are situated to the east of Hokkaido, and over the Indo-China. Northwest winds, with rain, are blowing from the north, and the weather is cloudy, with some rain. The forecast for tomorrow is rain, with a chance of a heavy shower. — Reuter's Bulletin Service.

ABYSSINIAN CONFLICT

Northern Front Quiet

ITALIAN SCOUTING FLIGHTS CONTINUED

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Addis Ababa, To-day. Abyssinian reports state that the whole northern front was quiet yesterday, the Italians having spent the entire morning with scouting flights, no bombs being dropped. At the orders of the Negus, the seven airmen who perished in the recent plane crash were buried with full military honours. AIR FORCE ACTIVE. Rome: Italian War Bulletin No. 131 states that the First Army Corps is again advancing southwards, the air force leaving the Abyssinians no opportunity to rest. No further reports have arrived from Somaliland. — Trans-Ocean Service.

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FLYING BOATS HELD UP

Not Leaving Until To-morrow

The two Royal Air Force Flying Boats are expected to leave the Colony for Amoy, Shanghai and Japan to-morrow morning, weather conditions permitting. — They have now been delayed three days by the fog-bank encircling the China coast.

NEW DESCRIPTION OF THE KING

Great Britain's Best "Travel Agent"

London, To-day.

A new description of the King was made by Lord Stanley when presiding at the meeting of the Travel Agents' Association, when he said that the King was the greatest "travel agent" as his worldwide travels had done much towards the peace and prosperity of the world. — Reuter's Bulletin Service.

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At Kowloon Central Post Office the mails will be closed 1/2 hour before the above times.

INWARD MAILS FROM EUROPE

Hong Peng (Air Mail ex Imperial Service) FROM SHANGHAI Feb. 21

Feb. 21
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Pres. Grant 21
Cathay 22
Rio de Janeiro Maru 22
Conte Verde 23
Chenonceaux 23
Memon 23
Teresias 23
Burdwan 23
Hakone Maru 23
Emp. of Japan 23
Pres. Polk 23
FROM STRAITS & INDIA

Feb. 21
Pres. Grant 21
Toba Maru 22
Hong Peng 22
Tango Maru 22
Bumacus 22

FROM U.S.A.

Feb. 21
Pres. Grant 21
Emp. of Japan 21
Pres. Polk 21

FROM MANILA

Feb. 21
Pres. Hoover 21
General Lee 21

FROM JAPAN

Feb. 21
Kitano Maru 21
Pres. Grant 21
Cathay 22
Tokio Maru 22
Emp. of Japan 22
Hakone Maru 22
Pres. Polk 22
Hakodate Maru 22

OUTWARD MAILS FOR EUROPE

Feb. 21
Cathay (via Marseilles) 21
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Feb. 21
Pres. Hoover (via San Francisco) 21
Closes: Reg. 4.15 p.m. Ord. 5 p.m.

Feb. 21
Gaisensan (via Marseilles) 21
Closes: Reg. 5.15 p.m. Ord. 5 p.m.

Feb. 21
Conte Verde (via Brindisi) 21
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Feb. 21
Athos II (via Siberia) 21
Closes: Reg. 4.15 p.m. Ord. 5 p.m.

Feb. 21
Corfu (via Siberia) 21
Closes: Reg. 4.15 p.m. Ord. 5 p.m.

Feb. 21
Memon (via Marseilles) 21
Closes: Reg. 4.15 p.m. Ord. 5 p.m.

Feb. 21
Pres. Hoover 21
General Lee 21
Athos II 21
Corfu 21

FOR JAPAN

Feb. 21
Atsuta Maru 21
Pres. Hoover 21
General Lee 21
Athos II 21
Corfu 21

FOR U.S.A.

Feb. 21
Pres. Hoover 21
General Lee 21
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Women's Page

VARIATIONS OF THE SEASON

What Is Happening In Paris

BLACK DRESS WITH BRIGHT COLOURED BELT

Fashion has that almost instinctive attraction which makes people crowd round an accident or prickle up their ears at a wedding or a funeral. It is bound up with the personal, perhaps with the gregarious instinct which makes all the sparrows peck one canary and which, no doubt, would make all the canaries peck one sparrow, did this dare to differ in its habits. There is almost a passion for being like other people, which has the reverse quality in definitely differing from other people. A new fashion has all the attraction of fashion and all the piquancy of differing for moment. Hence the passion with which it is sought and the importance which is attached to any variation in it.

The Accessories
Variation turns this season much on colouring and on accessories. It is of the highest importance to have a black dress, for instance, with a brightly coloured belt. It is almost vital not only to have a bow but a specific bow—one which is in the idiom of other bows, but with a flavour all its own. Lucille Paray produces this vital difference both in bows and in other directions. Thus she strikes a note of her own by the simple method of pleating. One of her dresses is almost wholly characterized by pleating, used to make an enormous bow or twist at the throat. The evening dress of black georgette is lent character by the use of green pleating round the neck and hanging straight round the knees. The dress itself is no more than the sheath which is full round the hem and with a little blousing at the waist. Pleats are let in as if they were Venetian blind slats to make a yoke to a full-sleeved blouse.



For her newest party frock, Helen Parrish, the juvenile screen actress, chooses a tangerine crepe, a gala colour particularly attractive with her dark curls. The bodice of the frock is skirted below the rolled collar, the skirt gored to flare.

FOR THE STOUT WOMAN

Nice Knitted Jumper

The not-so-slender woman who would like to wear a knitted jumper, but has hitherto been frightened by the tendency of the garment to cling too closely, can do so by exercising a little ingenuity.

Starting with the ribbed welt, it is well to bear in mind that a narrow welt is the most suitable to the stoutish figure, but it must fit fairly tight, so that the extra fullness can fall gracefully over it. Next, add a few more stitches than the directions give when starting on the front and sides, keeping the underarms strictly to the required number. Knit according to the directions until it is time to form the V-shape front. Divide the stitches, and on a new needle take up the stitches from exactly the middle (leaving the other half on the needle to finish later), and decrease by knitting two together until the shoulder narrows and is of the right length and shape. This is done in the same way as tucks are done on blouses, beginning to take the fullness from about the same distance as the tucks taper, the extra fullness taken up by degrees. Finish the other side in the same manner.

A long knitted piece in stocking or moss stitch about four inches wide makes an attractive finish to the jumper if fitted on as a scarf-collar.

Spring Fashion Secrets

Molyneux Announces New Features

INTERESTING SLEEVES

At the end of this month, many spring fashion secrets will be revealed. At the moment, they are secure behind locked doors. Advance news has already arrived in London from Paris, however, to give some indication of their trend.

Captain Molyneux, the famous Anglo-French dress designer, has announced a few salient features of his collection to stem our curiosity. His principal plan for the coming season is to introduce an entirely new silhouette—"One which will surprise everybody," he has declared. This new line will be very straight, very simple and very subtle.

"Sleeves will be more than usually interesting, because I believe that this will help to accentuate my new slim line," he announced to women news gatherers. "My evening gowns are to be specially glamorous this season, with skirts that are cut above the ankle in front."

"The main influence in this connection is not Chinese, but Near-Eastern."

Materials First

Magnificent materials, specially woven for Captain Molyneux, will be seen in his collection. These include real silks, while nothing will ever take the place of British tweeds.

Materials will be of major consideration in the new fashions. It is interesting to note, in this connection, the co-operation with which manufacturers and designers are working.

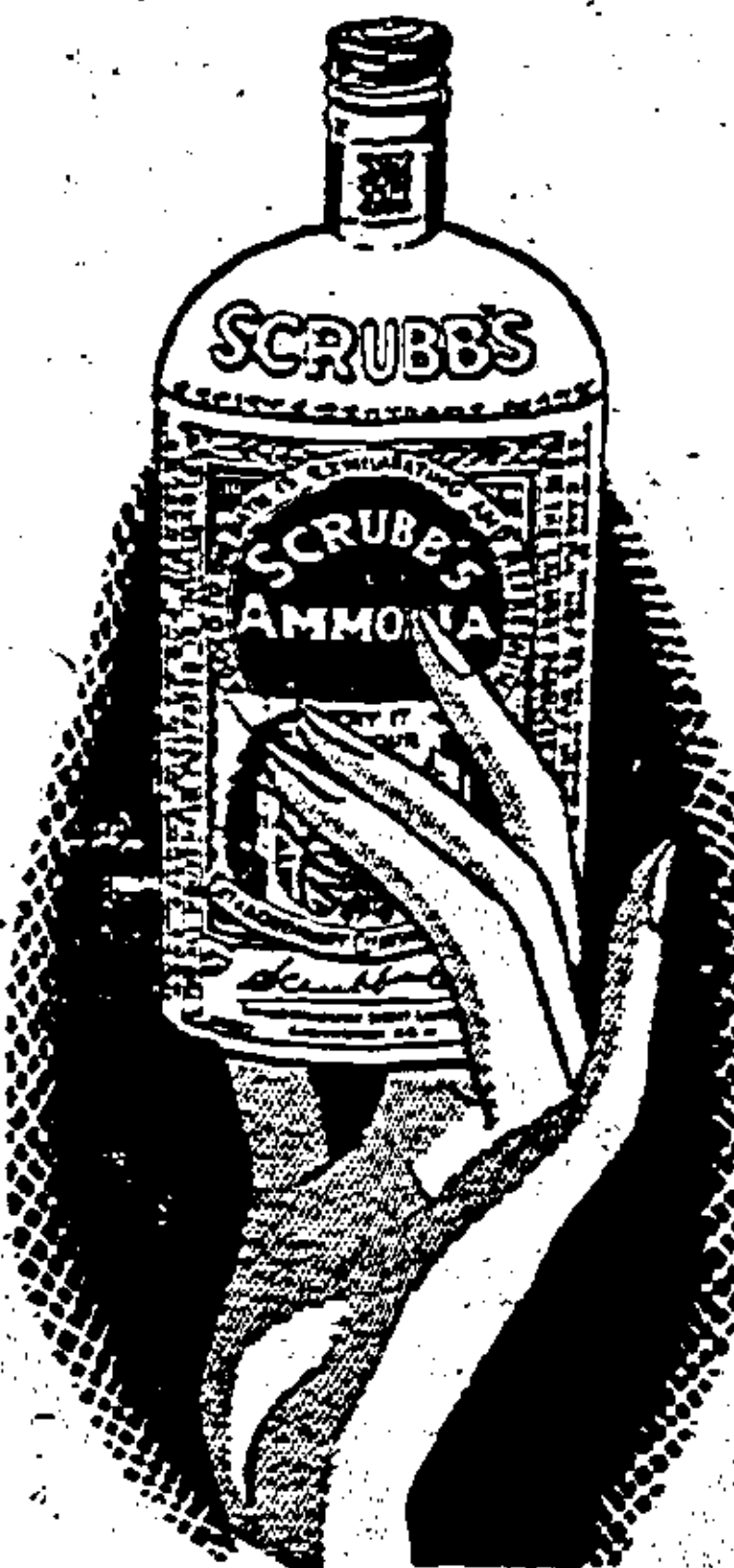
One great woollen house is selling only hand-spun, hand-woven fabrics. There are openwork woollens which have an artificial straw



Choose Your Silhouette

There will, of course, be several silhouettes from which to choose, in addition to Captain Molyneux's "straight, simple and subtle" type. An entirely different silhouette from this is a neatly belted one with more often than not, a new broadening effect below the shoulders by means of the sleeves.

Another will stress a new rounded effect at the shoulder which will be produced by the sleeves. There will be an effort to alter the waistline, though most leading houses will decide to leave it where it is for the moment.



That's why my stockings last

Can You Do This?

The above exercise performed a few times daily is an excellent aid in the prevention of constipation and the correction of obesity. Constipation is one of the greatest enemies to good health, for when the intestines are clogged with waste matter poisons contaminate the blood stream and cause inefficiency and sickness.

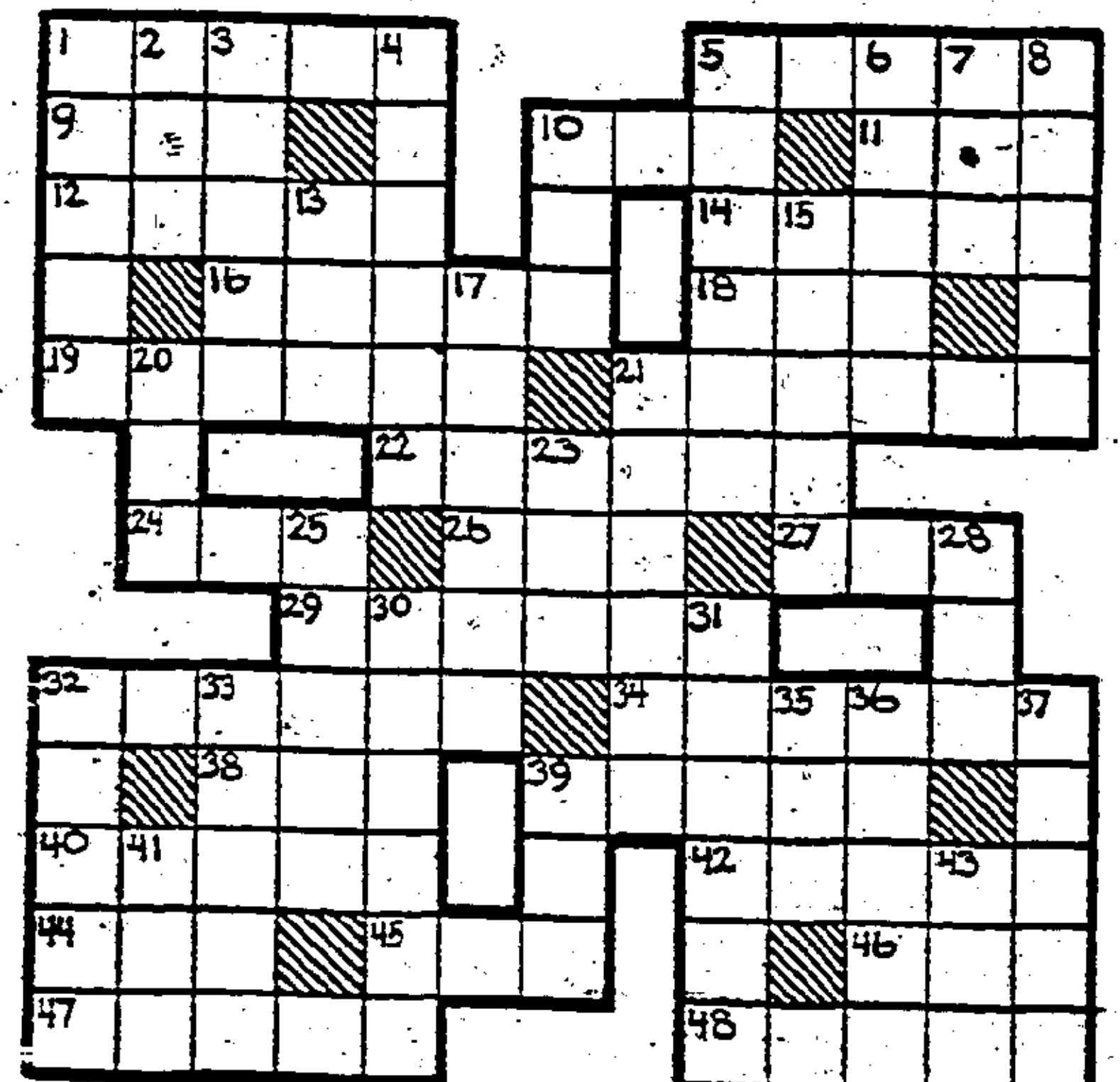
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



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| HORIZONTAL | HORIZONTAL (Cont.) | VERTICAL (Cont.) |
| 1-Looks obliquely | 40-First in rank | 10-The (Fr.) |
| 2-Dwell | 42-Meaner | 12-Large cask |
| 3-Curious scraps of literature | 44-Even (contn.) | 15-Appearing "as if" |
| 10-Portion | 45-Edge | 17-Rubs out |
| 11-Profus. Not | 46-High explosive (abbr.) | 20-Writing fluid |
| 12-Wait upon | 47-Writing tables | 21-Dress lining |
| 14-Dogma | 48-Bird houses | 22-Guided |
| 15-The nostrils | | 23-Fancy |
| 18-Before | | 24-Chain |
| 19-A close relative | VERTICAL | 30-The natural fats |
| 21-One who sleeps | 1-Endures | 31-Propelled |
| | 2-Point of compass (abbr.) | 32-Contented |
| | 3-Gains | 33-Checks |
| | 4-Cubic unit of metric measure (pl.) | 35-Prefers. Upon |
| | 5-Assist | 36-Fair-haired people of northern Europe |
| | 6-Hidden | 37-Classifies |
| | 7-Female deer | 39-Result obtained by addition |
| | 8-Penetrates | 41-Wild (Scot.) |
| | | 43-Entomology (abbr.) |

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue.

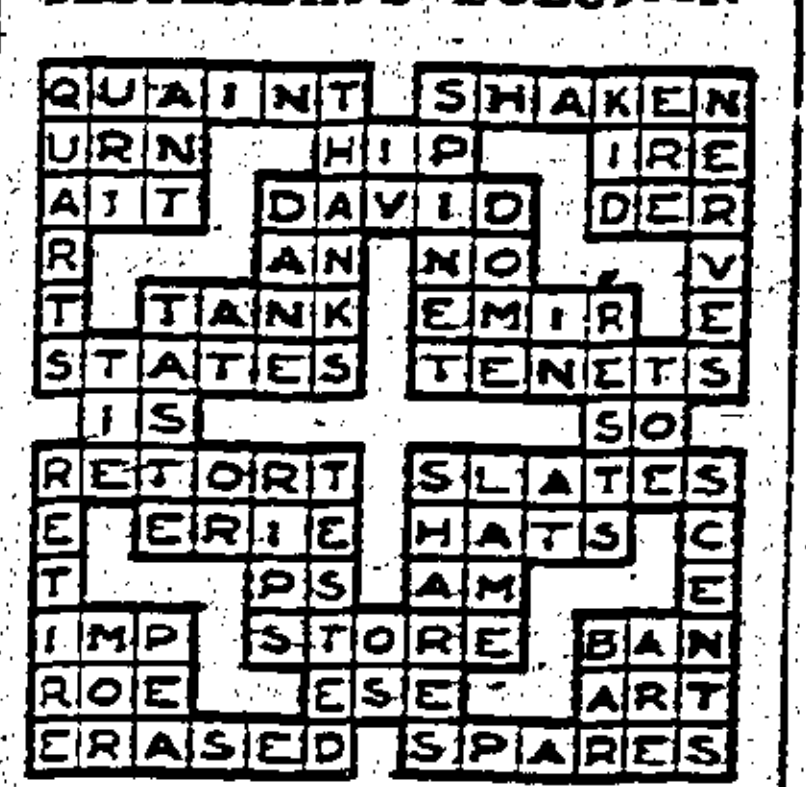


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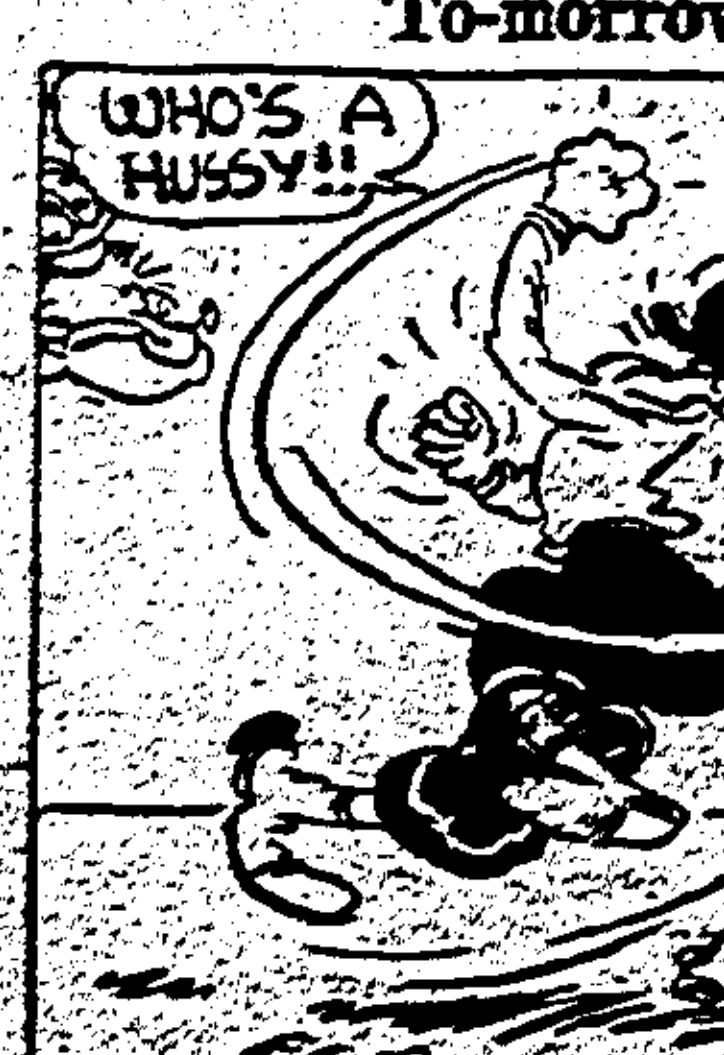


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22nd, 24th, 25th, 26th, and 29th February, 1936

ON SATURDAY, 22nd, MONDAY 24th, TUESDAY, 25th, and WEDNESDAY, 26th, February, the first bell will be rung at 11.00 a.m. and the first race will be run at 11.30 a.m. On SATURDAY, 25th, February, the first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

The fifth interval will be taken after the fifth race on the first four days.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax—or \$40.00 including tax for the Meeting (ladies \$5.00 and \$20.00 respectively) are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a member, such member to be responsible for all claims.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, EXCHANGE BUILDING, (Tel. 27794) WILL CLOSE AT 10.00 a.m. ON THE FIRST FOUR DAYS, and at 12.00 NOON ON THE FIFTH DAY.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box, Telephone No. 2920.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first four days of the Meeting.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission of the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.00 per day including tax.

Bookmakers, Tio Tac men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tickets will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Passes for Servants will be issued on application to the Secretary, 1st floor, Exchange Building.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure.

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C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 17th February, 1936.

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NOTICE

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THE HONG KONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that FORTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on TUESDAY, 10th March, 1936, at NOON for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1935.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, 24th February, to TUESDAY, 10th March, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
O. EAGER,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 17th February, 1936.

HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ELEVENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held on THURSDAY, the 12th day of March, 1936, at the BOARD ROOM of the Company, Second Floor, Exchange Building, Hong Kong, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors, for the financial year ended 31st December, 1935, and re-electing two Directors and the Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 2nd March to the 12th March 1936, both days inclusive.

Dated this 4th day of February, 1936.

Order of the Board,
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Hong Kong, 19th February, 1936.

Company Meetings

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 22nd February 1936, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1935.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 10th, February to SATURDAY, the 22nd February 1936 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 3rd February, 1936.

THE HONG KONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

THE FORTY-NINTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on THURSDAY, the 5th March, 1936, AT NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1935.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 21st February 1936, to THURSDAY, the 5th March, 1936, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
F. H. CRAPNELL,
Secretary.

Hong Kong 12th February, 1936.

THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING will be held at the Company's Offices, P. and O. Building, on WEDNESDAY, 11th March, 1936, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December 1935 and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 29th February to 11th March 1936, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

And notice is hereby also given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the same place immediately after the termination of the above mentioned Ordinary General Meeting for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolutions, namely:—

(1) That it is desirable to capitalize the sum of \$1,500,000, being part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Reserve Fund, and accordingly that a bonus of \$1,500,000 be declared and that such bonus be applied on behalf of the persons who on the 29th day of February 1936 are the registered holders of the 450,000 issued shares of the Company in payment in full for 150,000 shares of the Company of \$10 each and that such 150,000 shares credited as fully paid be accordingly allotted to such persons respectively in the proportion of one of such shares for every three of the said 450,000 shares then held by such persons respectively and that such shares shall rank for dividend as from the 1st day of January 1936.

(2) That if, on such distribution as aforesaid, any person would be entitled to a fraction of a share, the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing fractional certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall at such time, as the Directors think fit, be sold and the net proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to such fractions making up the share.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
Agents.

Hong Kong, 19th February, 1936.

BRIDGE NOTES

PESSIMIST OR OPTIMIST?

By Ely Culbertson

In Bridge, the pessimist's definition of an optimist is a player who bids too much, while the pessimist, according to the optimist, is an opponent who never makes the most of his opportunities. There are points in favour of each of these definitions and surely it does not pay in Bridge to be either overly optimistic or unduly pessimistic.

Certainly, a pessimist would probably not have reached game in to-day's hand, but then if the pessimist had reached game, probably he would have given up without a trial the only hope he had of making it.

West Dealer
East-West vulnerable

S 8 6 5
H 9 6 3
D 1 7 4
C 8 5 4 2

S A Q J 10 7 4 2 N S 9 3
H 8 S H K 5
D 10 9 8 2 S D E 6 5 3
C 7 C K Q 10 6 3

S K
H A Q J 10 7 4 2
D A Q
C A J 9

The bidding: (Figures after bids refer to numbered explanatory paragraphs.)

West North East South
Pass Pass Pass 1H
1S Pass Pass Dbl (1)
2S (2) Pass Pass 4H (1)
Pass Pass Dbl (4) Pass
Pass Pass

1—This double is informative, of course. While South probably will insist on playing the hand in hearts, he is anxious to show he has a very strong hand.

2—With a seven-card suit, West's rebid is sound, even though he is vulnerable.

3—Somewhat optimistic, but a sound gamble because one King or a combination of unbid cards such as Jack-ten and two small diamonds and a trump entry may produce a game.

4—East's high-card strength, West's repeated vulnerable overcalls and South's strong bidding have positively marked North with a bust hand, making a set extremely likely.

West opened the ten of diamonds and when dummy and East played low, South won with the Queen. On East's double the possibility of dropping the King of hearts was extremely remote and unless declarer could find two entries to dummy and East holding both the King and Queen of clubs, the contract was hopeless. Being an optimist, however, South made the correct play of the Queen of hearts. East could not refuse to win the trick, or he would lose his King, and so when he took it, the nine and six of hearts became entries to the North hand for two club leads that enabled Mr. Optimist to make his doubled contract.

Mr. Pessimist probably would have laid down the heart Ace, assuming his only hope was to drop the King and when this failed would have lost the hand, despite the favorable location of the club honours, because he could then have gained entry to dummy only once.

REVOLT IN SYRIA

Amnesty Proposals Discussed

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL
Damascus, To-day.

A more hopeful outlook towards ending the general strike is seen since conversations took place between the French military administration and influential citizens of Damascus.

The chief topic of the discussions was the demand for an amnesty for those Syrians banished after the revolt of 1926, especially Dr. Schachnander, who, in view of the inadequate preparations and in view of the changed situation and the hopelessness that any kind of revolt like that of 1926 could be made, now advocates a more moderate course, so that an amnesty for him and his followers is not out of the question.

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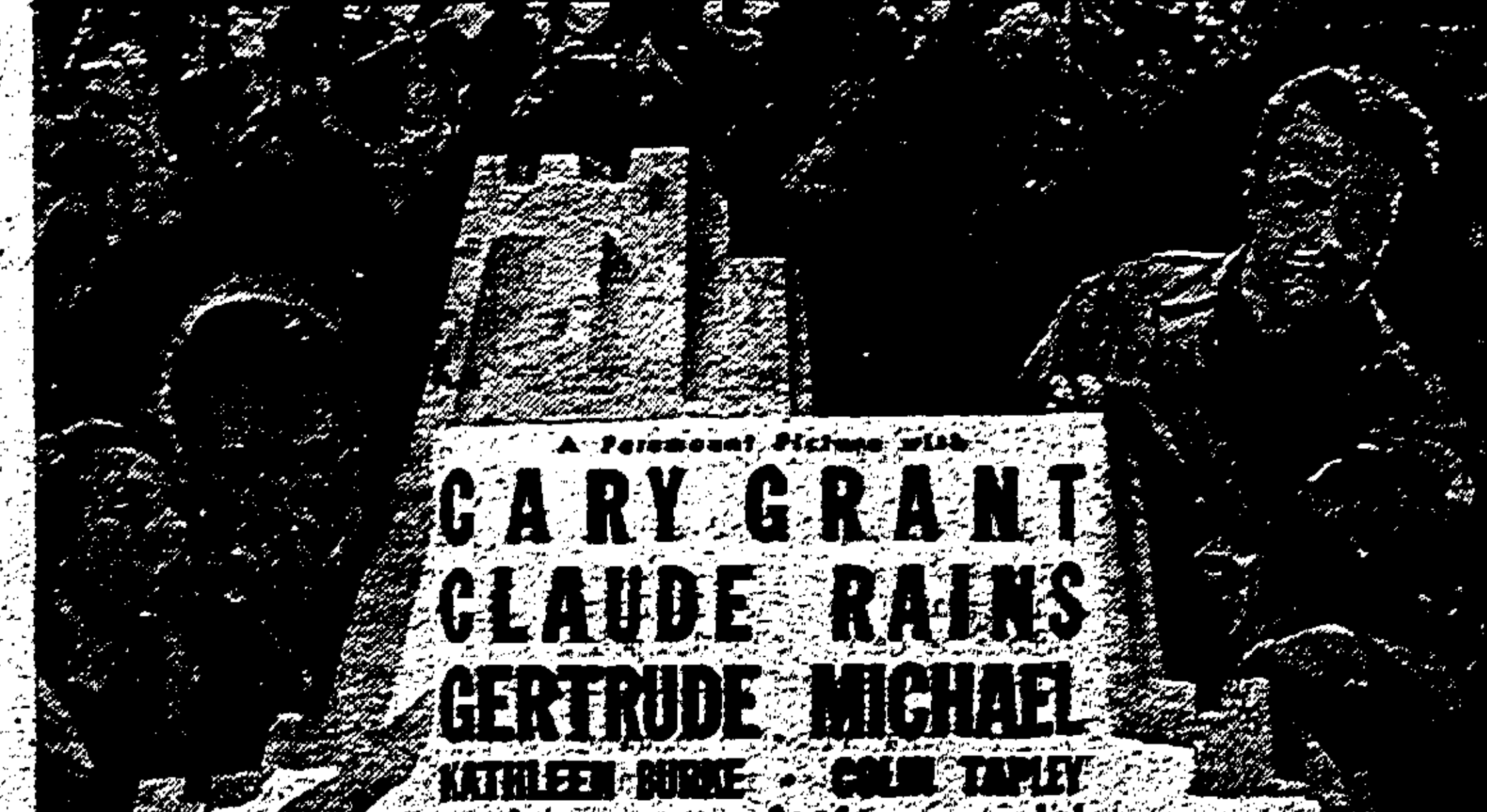
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Sporting Page

CLUB FAVOURED TO BEAT POLICE IN SENIOR SHIELD CLASH

SAPPERS FAVOURED TO RETAIN SHIELD POWERFUL ATTACK TO MEET LIGA DEFENCE

THRILLING DUEL EXPECTED
NO less than six of the Liga Portuguesa players in the Junior Shield Semi-final Round clash against the Engineers, the holders, to-morrow, have First Division experience and a grand encounter is anticipated.

The Liga will depend mainly on their fast forwards to pull them through. H. Souza will lead the attack and will have the Santos brothers on his left. These three have been the most consistent goal-scorers in this team this season. C. Santos, a young footballer, will play at inside-right, while E. Lawrence, a former Recreio First Division half, will be on the right wing. R. Ribeiro, recently transferred from St. Joseph's, will occupy the pivot berth. This player is very short and slightly built, but is very wiry and fast in his movements. His lack of height will be a great handicap against Howlett, Darby and Hirst, the Sapper inside-forwards.

EASTERN MAKE JUNIOR SHIELD BID TO-MORROW

But East Lanes. May Prove Too Good

MANY NEWCOMERS ON VIEW

The East Lanes, last year's runners-up in the Junior Shield will encounter Eastern in the Semi-Final Round to-morrow and, judging on the latter's recent performances, a very even and interesting tussle should be witnessed.

Eastern, who attach the greatest importance to winning the Junior Shield this year in order to strengthen their claim for admission to the First Division next season, will include in their team several players from Canton.

Cheng Shui-hong will be leading the forwards and Tuley, the soldiers' pivot, will have to keep a close watch on him. Cheng is very dangerous inside the penalty area and makes most of the openings for his side.

Soong Ling-sing and Chan Ping-to are a good right-wing combination, the former being the leading goal-scorer for his side.

Omar As Back

A. M. Omar will partner Ng King-kay at back, but though the former is fast and clears well, he is not a home against a bustling team like the East Lanes.

Lam Kam-wai, a new player, will probably be in goal, in place of Ho Chi-ying. This will be his first game for Eastern, and he is said to be good.

The East Lanes hope to win both the Junior Shield and the Junior League this season.

To Tuley, O'Donnell and Coster, the intermediate line, will fall the task of watching the fast Eastern forwards. Tuley played in the First Division last year and should be able to accomplish his job satisfactorily.

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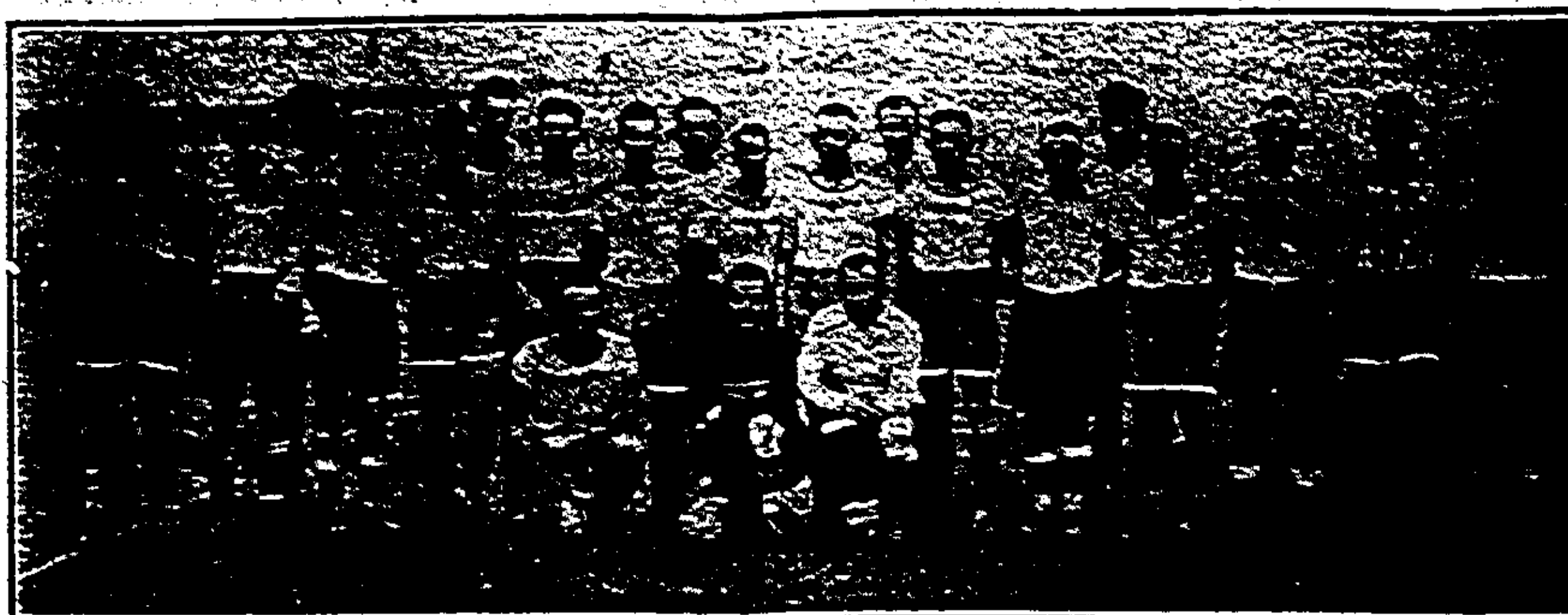
TALL SCORING

7th Bty. R.A. Trounce
40th Coy. R.E.

The 7th Battery R.A. overwhelmed the 40th Company, Royal Engineers in their Small Units League football fixture at the Valley yesterday, winning by 11 clear goals.

A hard cross-shot by Strike and an attempt by Brown were the only chances the Sappers had at scoring, but MacKrell brought off good saves on both occasions.

The Battery scored three goals in the first half, by Durham, while the Engineers scored two in the second half, by Bedford and Durham. Both sides scored in the second half.



Teams from the German cruiser Karlsruhe, which paid a 10 days' visit to the Colony recently, and the Canton Deutscher Klub, who met in a soccer match on the Kowloon Football Club ground last Sunday resulting in an easy win for the cruiser by 6 goals to 1. E. Ammann, the hero of the match and Canton's goalkeeper, is on the extreme right of the front row. ("China Mail" photo).

3RD DIVISION TO BE DECIDED TO-MORROW

Chinese Police Meet Fusiliers

SAINTS HIT BADLY BY SCHOOL SPORTS

The game which will probably decide the issue in the Third Division of the League, will be played on the Prince Edward Road ground to-morrow between the Fusiliers and the Chinese Police.

The forwards of both teams are very fast, while Singleton, Tatler and Luxton, of the Fusiliers, are deadly shots. The Fusiliers have made several changes in their team recently, as several players were needed in the senior team, but the Chinese Police have been playing the same team for quite a time and, under the coaching of Gough, have improved considerably.

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SMALL UNITS SOCCER GAME SENSATION

9th Battery Beaten By Medicals

WORTHINGTON GIVEN MARCHING ORDERS

The Royal Army Medical Corps created the biggest sensation in the Small Units Army Football League when they shattered the 100 per cent record of the 9th Battery, R.A. by the odd goal in three at the Valley yesterday.

The game was very evenly contested from the start, but unfortunately was not played in the best of spirit, frayed tempers being evident in the latter stages, and even after the referee had occasion to send Worthington off the field for a foul on Snooks, things did not improve.

The Medicals owe their win to their defence, who, by their determined tackling and hard clearances, did not give the Gunner forwards enough time to settle down. The Medical defence were of little assistance to their forwards.

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ROVER'S FORECAST

TO-MORROW

SENIOR SHIELD
CLUB v Police
(Causeway Bay, 4.15 p.m.)
S. CHINA "A" v South China "B"
(Club, 4.15 p.m.)

JUNIOR SHIELD
EAST LANCES v Eastern
(Causeway Bay, 2.30 p.m.)
ENGINEERS v Liga Portuguesa
(Club, 2.30 p.m.)

FIRST DIVISION
Athletic v Stonecutters
(Caroline Hill, 4.15 p.m.)

SECOND DIVISION
Kowloon v NAVY
(Kowloon, 2.15 p.m.)

RADIO v UNIVERSITY
(Prince Edward Rd., 4.15 p.m.)
South China v R.A.O.C.
(Caroline Hill, 2.45 p.m.)

CLUB v ATHLETIC
(Sookumpoo, 2.45 p.m.)

RIFLES v Recreio
(Sookumpoo, 4.15 p.m.)

AIR FORCE v Engineers
(Railway, 4.15 p.m.)

SECOND DIVISION
MEDICALS v St. Joseph's
(Chatham Road, 2.45 p.m.)
FUSILIERS v Chinese Police
(Prince Edward Rd., 4.15 p.m.)

SUNDAY

FIRST DIVISION
S. CHINA "A" v St. Joseph's
(Caroline Hill, 4.15 p.m.)

SECOND DIVISION
R.A.O.C. v University
(Caroline Hill, 2.45 p.m.)

ENGINEERS v EASTERN
(Sookumpoo, 4.15 p.m.)

THIRD DIVISION
ENGINEERS v Rifles
(Sookumpoo, 2.45 p.m.)

EUROPEAN POLICE v Railway
(Kowloon, 4.15 p.m.)

BOWLERS' DAY AT THE VALLEY

46 RUNS FOR 20 WICKETS!

At the Valley yesterday H.M.S. Tamar beat the 8th Destroyer Flotilla by two runs in a friendly cricket game.

H.M.S. Tamar: 24 (Martin 13, Meira 4 for 10, Clearwiden 4 for 5, and Foreman 2 for 7).
H.M. Destroyer: 22 (Foreman 12, Spettigue 8 for 7 and Tolley 2 for 14).

RE-ARRANGED JUNIOR DIV. SOCCER GAMES

NAVY IN RUNNING FOR TITLE

CLUB TRYING OUT NEW FORWARD

In an endeavour to bring the fixtures up to date the Football Association has re-arranged several postponed games in the Junior Divisions, and in some instances, with the co-operation of the Clubs concerned, several Clubs have matches on both Saturday and Sunday.

The chief interest in the Junior Division will lie in the Shield ties, but several interesting games should be witnessed among the League matches.

The Navy will encounter the Kowloon Football Club, and as the former are now in the running for the junior championship they will be fielding their regular team. Spencer, Wride and Gould are their most dangerous forwards, and should give the Kowloon defence a trying time.

Tillery, Winch and Stewart played very well last week, and on them the burden of the defence will fall this week.

Club's New Forward

The Club are trying out a new player in Wilson in their game against the Athletic. Wilson is said to have played for a good team in Glasgow and is an inside-left or wing-half. His performance to-morrow will be watched with great interest, and if he lives up to reputation he will probably figure in the Senior team next week.

The Athletic have met with only fair success in the League; Li Kwok-ki and Lo Wai are sound in the defence, but their forwards are weak in front of goal.

Combined Corps' Chance

Duffield, O'Brien and Beasley, of the Combined Corps, should give the South China defence plenty to worry about, as the latter may not be at full strength owing to injuries in the Senior teams. "Worfold should be able to hold up the Chinese forwards.

TOMMY PILE STILL ON INJURED LIST DROWN-FOWLER WING WILL BE DANGEROUS GREEN RETAINED BY POLICE

(By "Rover")

ONE of the most interesting, if not the most exciting match in the Senior Shield will take place on the Naval ground at Causeway Bay to-morrow when the Police, last year's runners-up, encounter the Club in their second successive clash in the semi-final round, having won last year by an only goal.

The Club, in spite of their inconsistent form, are favourites for to-morrow's clash and, in view of their excellent win over the Rifles, they should win by a comfortable margin.

The Club are fielding the same team as last week, with Robertson at right-half and Forrow in the pivotal berth. Skinner has at last settled down to the left-half position, and he should do well here against the Police right-wing, which will be weakened by the absence of Tommy Pile, who is nursing an injured ankle.

The Police had until recently been very fortunate in the lack of injuries and it is unfortunate that they should have to change their attack now, after having negotiated the path to the semi-final round.

Drown Impresses
I was down at the Club practice matches recently and was very impressed by the form displayed by Drown, their inside-right, who, providing he and Fowler, who has reported fit, combines well together will probably constitute the greatest menace to the Police charge.

Green, who was relegated to the Third Division team but who played last week, will be retained in the senior eleven on the right-wing, where his tricky ball control and swerve should mark him as one of the most dangerous of the Police forwards.

The Police have an excellent defence, but McHardy will have to show better form between the sticks.

TWO POSTPONED SENIOR GAMES

CHAMPIONS' TASK AGAINST SAINTS

Two postponed First Division League football matches will be played off this week-end, when the Athletic enter in Stonecutters to-morrow and South China "A" meet St. Joseph's on Sunday.

The Athletic should win comfortably against the Gunners, but South China "A" will not have everything their own way against the Saints, and there is the possibility of another defeat looming in the distance. The Saints have done remarkably well recently, defeating the Recreio.

COLONY TENNIS TITLE

Closing Date Extended

Owing to an insufficiency of entries, it was decided yesterday to extend the closing day for entries for the annual lawn tennis championships organised by the Hong Kong Cricket Club until next Thursday, February 27.

The tournaments will start on Monday March 2. An interesting decision was also arrived at by the sub-committee in charge of the tournaments. It was decided to extend the scope of the tournament to include the Royal Mixed Doubles Handicap event which has hitherto been confined to members of the Hong Kong Cricket Club.

It has now been decided to open the entries to members of other clubs in the Colony.

SOUTH CHINA "A" FAVOUR TO BEAT HOLDERS

"B" TEAM IN MUCH DIFFICULTIES

SENIOR SHIELD "DERBY" CLASH TO-MORROW

The South China Selectors, with barely 19 first Division players available, are uncertain as to how they will be able to field both a South China "A" and "B" team for the "derby" Senior Shield clash to-morrow on the Club ground at 4.15 p.m.

Although a South China "B" player is not available for the "A" team, the Selectors made the mistake some time ago of transferring several "B" men to the "A" team and now, with several men unable to make the trip from Canton, the Selectors are finding great difficulty in fielding a representative eleven.

Fielding Same Team
South China "A" are fielding the same team which went down last Saturday for the first time this season, when South China "B" won their League clash by the odd goal in five.

South China "B" hoped to be unchanged, but this is almost impossible owing to injuries.

However, it is a foregone conclusion that the League champions will take their revenge for last week's defeat to-morrow and enter the Final by a comfortable margin.

CANTON POLICE FOOTBALLERS

To Visit Shanghai

The footballers of the Canton Chinese Constabulary will invade Shanghai next month for a series of matches with the leading northern teams.

Some of the star South China footballers will be included in the team, and they are Wong Wing, Lee Tin-sing, Lee Kam, Ip Pak-wa, Fong King-cheung and Yeung Shui-yick.

TO-DAY'S HOCKEY

The following will represent the Argentines in a Manual Toros match against the Royal Corps of Signals, on the U.S.E.C. ground at 5 p.m. to-day: N. Faris, A. A. dos Remedios and E. Gosamp, A. Silva, E. Oliveira and J. Goncalves, F. Nolasco, E. Gomes, A. M. Xavier, A. S. Xavier and A. Angelo.

Singleton Heads League Marksmen

The following is a complete list of goal-scorers in the First, Second and Third Divisions of the local Soccer League with a qualifying figure of six goals:

Johnson (Police) 18
Higgins (Lincolns) 14
Lee Wai-tung (S. China "A") 14
Elliot (Club) 13
G. White (Kowloon) 11
Rendford (East Lanes) 10
Moss (Police) 10
Bryson (Police) 9
Sullivan (Fusiliers) 9
Fung King-cheung (S. China "A") 8
Ip Pak-wa (S. China "A") 8
Baker (Lincolns) 7
B. Kwan (Kowloon) 7
Ridley (Lincolns) 7
Russo (Lincolns) 7
Furze (Club) 7
Gomes (Recreio) 7
Evans (Fusiliers) 7

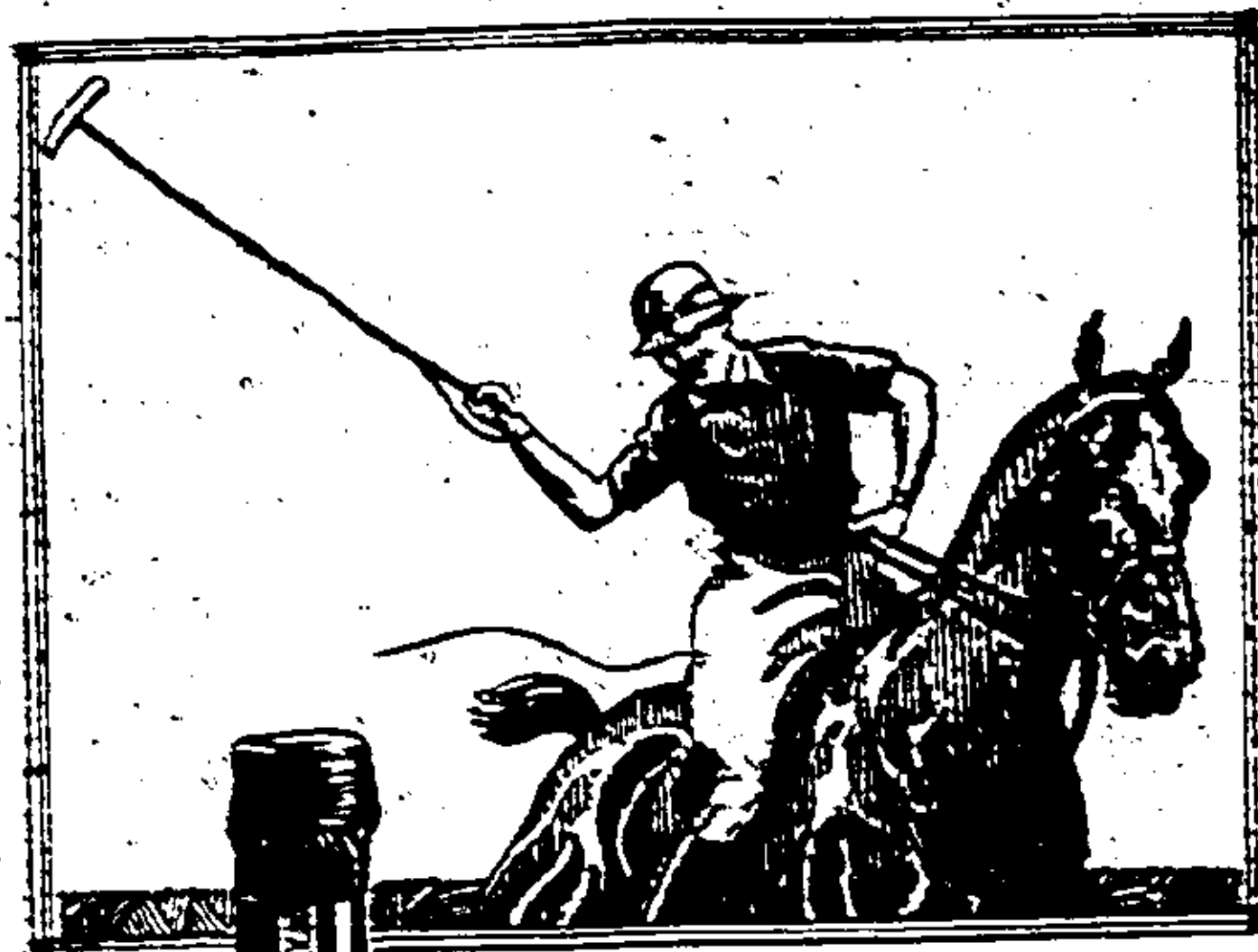
Leonard (St. Joseph's) 7
Cannell (Navy) 7
Cheuk Shek-kam (S. China "B") 7
G. Singh (St. Joseph's) 7
Yeung Kam-po (Athletic) 7

SECOND DIVISION
Baxter (Fusiliers) 18
Wride (Navy) 14
Spencer (Navy) 14
Darby (Engineers) 11
Chan Tak-fai (South China) 10
Duffield (R.A.O.C. & R.A.S.C.) 10
Howlett (Engineers) 9
Clark (R.A.O.C. & R.A.S.C.) 9
Evans (Fusiliers) 8
Crosby (Fusiliers) 8
Horne (East Lanes) 7
Cockley (Fusiliers) 7
Gough (Navy) 7
A. M. Omar (Radio) 7
Walton (East Lanes) 7
Chan Ping-to (Engineers) 7
Cheng Shui-hong (Eastern) 7

Bowler (East Lanes) 7
Turner (Lincolns) 7
English (Lincolns) 7
Vaughan (R.A.O.C. & R.A.S.C.) 7
Griffin (East Lanes) 7
McLeod (Navy) 7
Hunt (Engineers) 7
Radcliff (East Lanes) 7

THIRD DIVISION
18 Singleton (Fusiliers)
14 C. Santos (Liga)
13 Pyle (Medicals)
12 Tatler (Fusiliers)
12 Joannille (St. Joseph's)
11 Willeston (European Police)
11 Brock (Lincolns)
10 Crook (East Lanes)
10 H. Souza (Liga)
10 Murray (Air Force)
10 Kong Hing (Chinese Police)
10 Smith (Air Force)
10 Chan Wing-tam (Chinese Police)
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THE GORILLA MOST
PROMISING SUB.GOLD SOVEREIGN MAIN
CHALLENGERTHE UNICORN LIKELY TO BE
DANGEROUS UNDER MR. NEEDA

(By "THE JUDGE")

IN discussing the prospects of the subscription griffins, I shall confine myself only to those that, to judge from the form displayed in the morning gallops, promise to turn out winners.

The chief interest will, of course, be centred upon the Valley Stakes, and among the new bunch of subs. The Gorilla is nominated to be the most outstanding animal, and his chances of carrying off the honours in this race are exceedingly bright. It is interesting to note that The Gorilla fetched the highest bid at the Sports Club selling lottery.

Gold Sovereign is looked upon as a strong challenger to The Gorilla, and has figured in some very good gallops, which include a 2.17 mile. He invariably finishes with a fast last quarter, and I am of the opinion that he will give The Gorilla a very good race in the Valleys, while he should also figure prominently in the other races.

FIRE BRIGADE
WINS. And S. Home Show
Vast Improvement

In spite of a fine display, the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home were beaten by 8 games to 1 by the Fire Brigade Recreation Club at the Central Police Station last night.

Hall and Merritt gave a good performance for the S. and S. Home, and showed exceptionally good combination.

The results of the game were as follows:

J. L. Anderson and G. Williams (Fire Brigade).....	23-22
beat J. Hall and M. Merritt.....	21-16
beat E. Harris and J. Heath.....	21-16
beat R. Brown and W. Sprague.....	21-18
A. L. Fisher and G. H. Fowler (Fire Brigade).....	21-17
beat Hall and Merritt.....	21-17
beat Harris and Heath.....	21-14
beat Brown and Sprague.....	21-16
W. Stoker and L. D. Skinner (Fire Brigade).....	21-17
beat Hall and Merritt.....	21-17
lost to Harris and Heath.....	11-21
beat Brown and Sprague.....	23-20

LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE

	C.	R.	C.	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Recreo "A".....	13	11	2	9	0	7	11	18	
St. Andrew's "A".....	9	9	0	7	11	18			
Eliot Hall "A".....	8	8	0	9	4	16			
Recreo "B".....	10	8	2	6	2	18			
Eliot Hall "B".....	13	8	5	6	4	18			
St. John's.....	15	8	7	6	9	16			
Fire Brigade.....	14	7	7	5	4	14			
V. R. C.....	7	2	5	19	35	4			
Tai Koo E.....	13	2	11	30	78	4			
St. Andrew's "B".....	13	1	12	34	83	2			
Kowloon Tong.....	13	1	12	34	83	2			
S. and S. Home.....	12	0	12	21	89	0			

SMALL UNITS SOCCER GAME
SENSATION

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and Youd, in the pivotal berth, was the only one who attempted to open up the game.

Witwill Shines
Howells, at right-back, was very prominent with his tackling, but was wild at times in his clearances, while Witwill, his partner, opposed to the clever pair of Reece and Nash, acquitted himself well.

The Medical forwards had, for most of the game, to forage for the ball themselves, but covered ground quickly. Glendenning, a newcomer, played well and Snooks and Smith were a good pair of wingers.

Dangerous Trio
Sparkes, Knight and Reece were a dangerous Gunner trio, but did not make many attempts to shoot, and rather overdid the short passing game.

Clancey and Worthington, were prominent in defence and kept the Medicals at bay for the greater part of the game, while Hutchinson, in goal, was safe.

The first half was very even and the Battery took the lead as the result of a breakaway by Baker, who scored with a fast ground shot.

The Medicals equalized from a penalty through Youd, and took the lead when Stanton passed the ball to Flint for the latter to run through and score amidst appeals for officials.

R.A.M.C. Wingers, Howells and Witwill, Hughes, Youd and Lowe, Smith, Flint, Glendenning, Stanton and Smith.

The Unicorn will be Mr. Needa's mount in the Valleys, and it will be well to bear in mind that this pony is one of the outstanding ones in the morning gallops.

He covered 1 1/4 miles recently in 2.54, which is no mean performance for a sub. He should be worth watching over any distance.

Cassius, a small grey pony, has invariably covered his last quarter in very good time during the gallops. Mr. B. A. Proulx is, I understand, taking her out, and if he should get off to a good start he will prove very dangerous. I hear, however, that Cassius is better over longer distances, so bear that in mind when making your selections.

Mr. Wong's Mount

Mountain View will carry Mr. Lan's colours in the Valley Stakes with Mr. T. L. Wong up. As it is a well-known fact that Mr. Wong always handles the subs. very cleverly, Mountain View may quite easily be there at the finish. Hopscoth is a fairly reliable performer over medium distances so that, although her prospects in the Valleys are not so bright, she should be worth bearing in mind for the races over longer distances.

I understand that The Hero, a dun pony of 14.1, will be going out in the Valley Stakes, though there is a rumour to the effect that he will probably finish first in the Wong-Nei-Cheung Stakes.

Gossip "on the rails" has it that Blue Ribbon is an improving pony, and I know that Mr. Encarnacao will be taking him out. His stable connections are quietly confident that he will be there at the finish, so keep him in mind.

A game pony that always wants to run his best describes Peter Davy, and for that reason he should be worth following.

THE RACES

Draw For Sydney
Maidens

The draw made by the Hong Kong Jockey Club for the Wong-nei-chong Stakes has resulted as follows:

First Section.—Celebration Time, Fidelity, Gold Eagle, Heriot, Humber, Locksmith, Merry Jester, Mountain View, Rose Evelyn, Satan, Siamese Cat, Silver Lining, Supercharge, Unicorn and Yellow Fish.

Second Section.—Blue Sailor, Gainsmith, Hawthorn, Ideal Day, Judea, Lancashire Loom, Ocean View, Paymaster, Peter Davy, Potlatch, Public Hero No. 1, Rug by Star, Stopwatch, Strathairn, The Hero and Wild Cat.

Sydney Maiden Stakes
The following is the draw for the Sydney Maiden Stakes:

First Section.—Able Warrior, Blandford, Centre Court, Electron, Gold Dragon, Holiday Eve, Honey, Merry Time, Silver Streak, Tin Smith, Violet Queen and Zodiac.

Second Time.—A Grand Time, Canberra Girl, Double Finesse, Lancashire Lad, Perfect Day, Ranger, Sarsie, Sheik-O-Fox, Strathairn, The Dublin, Trojan and Y.H.

Third Section.—B.R.C. Hawthorn, Ocean View, Paymaster, Peter Davy, Potlatch, Public Hero No. 1, Rug by Star, Stopwatch, Strathairn, The Hero and Wild Cat.



As the years roll past, Willie Hoppe, now 48, seems to improve in his billiards. After being a leader on the green topped tables since 1906, during which time he was won 20 titles, he at last realised his lifetime ambition to hold the world's three cushion title when he beat Walker Cochran at Chicago.

RUGBY TEAM ARRIVE

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"This type of play undoubtedly wants plenty of watching, but it has its strength, and weakness. Its strength lies in the fact that the seven-eighths takes you completely unawares and leaves the whole defence floundering, but once detected, it can be nullified.

FINE SCRUMMAGING
"Many will wonder how it was that the Japanese, playing only seven forwards against our eight, were able to hold us and at the same time employ a roving forward or back. We found that owing to their very low scrummaging, our pushing was ineffective against them, and it seemed as if their pack had twice the weight of ours!

"Where their forwards are not up to the mark is in the loose. They very rarely broke through in close dribbling rushes as our forwards did throughout the tour. What particularly impressed me was their line kicking and their full-back play, which was as safe as it could be.

"I found that the refereeing in Japan was very strict, and we were penalised time and again. The grounds have very little turf, although they took extraordinary care over them. In several of our matches we played on pitches which had been covered by straw the previous night, and rolled in the morning. One of our matches had to be postponed as a snowstorm covered the pitch with several inches of snow.

MANY CASUALTIES
"We suffered badly through injuries and sickness and in nearly all our games were just able to field a fifteen.

"Bush, our full-back, injured his knee in the first Test and is still on the crooked list, while Parsons, one of our backs, injured his arm against Waseda in the fourth game of our tour. He also injured his knee in the first encounter and was still nursing it in our last game.

"Fooks, another of our backs, was also on the injured list, while Tricklebank, who is playing full-back to-day, had to be got out of bed to play in one of the Tests after three days' illness.

"We had several close games, the second and last Test being the closest. Japan were leading by three penalty goals (9 points), to two tries (6 points) with a few minutes to go when we came level with a penalty goal!"

The following were the results of the tour:

v. All Kansai won 31-3
v. Koko won 23-8
v. Meiji won 13-11
v. Waseda won 22-17
v. Japan (1st Test) won 16-8
v. Combined Western Universities won 23-8
v. Japan (2nd Test) drew 9-9

THE SOUND ISLAND
The tourists were taken round the island by members of the Hong Kong Football Club this morning and were later entertained at a dinner given by the Australian and

VISITORS PLAYING
SEVEN FORWARDSFIRST CLASS FULL-BACK
NOT ON VIEW

OTAGO BACK DIVISION BROKEN UP

(By "Scrum Half")

THERE is no doubt whatever that the fifteen which will represent Hong Kong against the New Zealanders this afternoon on the Club ground, commencing at 5 p.m., will give an infinitely better display than the previous side which lost by 29 points to 8 on January 16 last.

Although the New Zealanders are likely to be even more formidable as the result of their all-conquering tour in Japan, the selection of their team gives rise for comment in that the Otago threequarter line has been broken up by the inclusion of Lewis, Grant and Wilde for Jones and Fookes, two players who created a good impression on their last visit here, while, in addition to this, the fact that the tourists are contemplating playing seven forwards gives one the impression that they are overlooking the fact that Hong Kong will be considerably stronger as the result of the inclusion of five Army players and several Naval players who were unavailable on the previous occasion.

It will not surprise me in the least to see them revert back to eight forwards early in the game.

It is a trifle disappointing that Bush is being "rested," as he is undoubtedly a first class full-back and we would very much have liked to have seen him in action once again.

Only five of the local team which took part in the earlier match are playing to-day, and as only two of these are in the back division some idea of the drastic changes in the Colony side can be gathered, and it would cause no surprise if the tourists were fully extended.

Despite the fact that many of the tourists participated in the All Black trials, they will be up against two men of equal standard in Lieut. Rice-Evans, a centre-threequarter, and Fus. Floyd, his partner on the wing—these two are the outstanding local players this season.

Dr. J. A. R. Selby, the Scottish International, will referee and the teams are:

N. Z. Universities XV.—W. Tricklebank (Wellington); J. M. Watt (Otago); J. D. Lewis (Auckland); E. C. Wild (Otago) and E. Grant (Auckland); C. C. Gillies (Otago) and G. A. Parsons (Capt.) (Canterbury); J. J. McAnulty (Canterbury); W. R. Lane (Otago); R. E. Burke (Canterbury); S. W. Summers (Otago); L. S. Drake (Auckland); G. Eade (Victoria); A. E. Chatterman (Wellington) and T. O. Stace (Canterbury).

3RD DIVISION TO BE DECIDED
TO-MORROW

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Capt. Wing-kam, Kong, Hing and Wong Man-wai, in the forward line, are definitely good, while Chan Chui, the pivot, is easily up to second division standard.

La Salle Sports

Owing to the La Salle College sports, St. Joseph's are finding it very difficult to raise a side against the Medicals, no less than six of their players, among whom are Castro, Joannito, Gottsche, and Alwal, being participants in the sports.

On Sunday the game between the Engineers and the Rifles should be interesting.

New Zealand Association at the Gloucester Building.

While on their tour of the island they visited the Peak residence of Mr. S. T. Williamson, Agent for the New Zealand Government in Hong Kong and South China.

The tourists were entertained at a dinner party given in their honour by the Australian and New Zealand Association at the Gloucester Hotel.

Following the match, the visitors will be entertained at a "stag" dinner at Cafe Wiseman.

GOLF STARTING
TIMESSunday's Pairings
At Fanling

The following are the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fanling next Sunday.

OLD COURSE	NEW COURSE
9.20 a.m. W. A. Stewart, H. Lafford.	9.20 a.m. W. Sharp, E. L. S. Webb.
9.24 " A. W. Hughes, A. Nicol.	9.24 " E. Costello, J. Mc I. Brown.
9.28 " T. C. Monaghan, E. des Voeux.	9.28 " Mrs. Harrop, E. R. Price.
9.32 " G. Marseille, W. G. Roberts.	9.32 " P. E. Lindell, C. C. Black.
9.36 " D. Hope Gill, J. Harrop.	9.36 " Mrs. May, Mrs. Kunkel.
9.40 " P. Morrison, R. Young.	
9.44 " D. O'Kieff, E. T. Mo-Mullen.	
9.48 " W. L. Alexander, I. W. Lang.	
9.52 " R. H. MacGregor, C. C. W. Wilson.	
9.56 " H. L. Schultz, I. H. Geare.	
10.00 " H. E. Peacock, T. J. Draper.	
10.04 " C. C. Stark, J. W. Mayhew.	
10.08 " J. A. Shaw, J. R. Sindlinger.	
10.12 " K. W. Jones, P. L. Leefe.	
10.16 " A. Anderson, J. Forbes.	
10.20 " A. E. Purves, A. Sommerfeld.	
10.24 " D. S. Edward, W. J. S. Key.	
10.28 " J. G. Charlton, J. Angwin.	
10.32 " J. S. Dykes, D. J. Keogh.	
10.36 " A. M. Kirby, E. A. Rodgers.	
10.40 " H. Durschmidt, H. P. Page.	
10.44 " E. M. Boyden, D. S. Robb.	
10.48 " J. A. E. Selby, D. Forbes.	
10.52 " H. Janssen, Comdr. Hole.	
10.56 " L. R. Billingham, P. M. Ellis.	
11.00 " I. C. Mackay, P. C. Modie.	
11.04 " Major Davies, G. F. Rees.	
11.08 " Lt. C. Russell, T. R. Chasels.	
11.12 " Lt. C. Pratt, Sm. Lt. Battersby.	
11.16 " D. L. Newbasing, Wing. Cdr. Bishop.	
11.20 " Surg. Lt. Cdr. May, Lieut. Kunkel.	

EASTERN MAKE JUNIOR SHIELD
END TO-MORROW

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Sure Kicking Defenders

Behind them will be Carroll and Glover, two sure-kicking backs, but they will have to protect Oxford, the goalkeeper, as Eastern's forwards are invariably dangerous near goal.

Ball of Kotevill Cup fame, and Harwood will be on the left wing, and as they combine well, they should be able to play Walkden with the necessary openings to score, while both can shoot when the opportunity arises.

Those on the right wing, centre well and Murphy, on his recent form, should prove no weak link in this forward line.

Eastern—G. C. Yung, C. Lau, Kwan-wai, Ng Ying-ky and A. M. Omar, Chung Kwai-choy, Sm. Flanagan, Tsang Chung-wai, M. Soham, C. Chan, Chan, and Hong, Soong, Ling-tung and Chan Ying-cho.

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Birth Control

There has been a regrettable tendency to drag into the local birth control controversy factors which are really extraneous to the principal point. Everyone is entitled to religious scruples; but they are out of place in the consideration of a purely social problem when discussed as such. The ethical point about the practice of birth control is not that it legalises murder, inculcates disrespect for fundamental moral laws, and so on, as its detractors claim, but that it offers an expensive, harmless and reasonably certain method of combating the problem of the unwanted child among communities to whom the matter is something more than a purely academic question. The argument that birth control interferes with the designs of the Almighty and is therefore a mortal sin is also surely utterly futile. If it is not then every sanatorium, every hospital, all the practice of medicine and healing are collectively and severally damned. It must surely be as much a mortal sin to attempt to stave off the natural death which is man's inheritance in the Creator's inscrutable wisdom as it is to prevent unwanted life from coming to fruition. But enough of these idle conjectures. Birth control is a social movement, and as such it deserves careful consideration.

Mrs. Margaret Sanger's bona fides in this matter are absolutely above question. She does not advocate it for fun. In an article written some eight or ten years ago, entitled "The Civilising Force of Birth Control," Mrs. Sanger set forth the implications of her campaign in the clearest possible language. In it she remarks that it "aims to establish a new and sounder foundation for all marriage and all parenthood," and that is just exactly what the movement does. "Its greatest value," the article continues, "is to be found in its assertion—and not its denial, as its enemies claim—of the supreme importance of child-life. One incontrovertible fact we cannot escape: among families into which a large number of children are born, there is apt to be a correspondingly large infantile mortality. The unwelcome child has an appreciably smaller chance of survival than the child brought into the world by desire. The mental and physical condition of the mother, both before and after birth, is of paramount importance to the whole life of her child."

In short, the whole movement must be considered in its social aspects, as regards the life of the family, the tribe and the nation rather than from any moral or theological aspects whatever. Where is there a better field for this than in China, where the whole foundation of the national conception is built up on the basis of the family? Here, is Mrs. Sanger's own words, is what birth control has done among the "so-called lower classes" in the West: "You witness the gradual change in their mental states, from fear and dejection and hopelessness to increasing assurance and self-reliance, to confidence and mastery of life. The mother no longer considers herself a slave. She feels herself mistress of her own life, and no longer the inert, helpless, hopeless victim of circumstances which inevitably go from bad to worse. The mother who was formerly and liberally through the of mankind as a whole."

EXPLANATION OF TO-DAYS CARTOON

Champ Water Drinker

In a water drinking contest held in Cheong's Confectionery, Dunoon, Oklahoma, September 10th, Ed. Woolf set a new record by drinking a total of five gallons and 30 ounces of water in exactly 30 minutes. He was challenged by John Head of Temple, from whom he had won a previous contest, but Head was able to consume only 25 10-ounce glasses.

WINDING-UP PETITION

Court Proceedings Concluded

JUDGMENT RESERVED

The hearing of the petition for the winding-up of the firm of O. K. Gidumal and Wutumul, Ltd., was concluded before Mr. Justice Lindsell in the Bankruptcy Court this morning, when judgment was reserved.

The petitioner was Odharmal Girdhimal, one of the four partners of the firm, and he brought the petition on the ground that he was unable to carry on the partnership owing to disagreement with his co-partners. He was represented by Mr. Elton Potter, K.C., and Mr. Leo D'Almada, jun., instructed by Mr. M. A. da Silva.

Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., instructed by Mr. M. M. Watson, appeared for the other three partners, Messrs. Keramchand, Gidumal and Wutumul, who opposed the petition.

For the petitioner Mr. Potter contended that although the winding-up of the firm would involve a loss to the petitioner, that was no ground why the order should not be made. What they were concerned with was whether or not in the circumstances, the partnership could be continued.

If the petition was dismissed, these four men would have to carry on together, unless, of course, they came to a compromise, but if the Court found that they could not carry on together, the order must be granted.

False Accusation

Continuing, Mr. Potter said that the petitioner had been accused of attempting to ruin the company by bringing the petition, but he (Mr. Potter) submitted that no man could have been more reasonable than his client had been. The latter had done all he could to avoid taking such a step, and to suggest that petitioner had taken action out of malice would be unfair, as it was exactly the opposite.

In conclusion Mr. Potter said that his submission was that "treating this as a partnership and applying the partnership law, there is such a state of animosity existing that there is no reasonable hope of reconciliation, and for that reason the petition must be allowed."

exercise of their own intelligence and foresight—almost automatically become more interested in life, in the future, in the upbringing of their children, in the affairs of the community at large. In a word, they have become more civilised."

Conditions among the poor in China, as is freely admitted by all who have examined them, are appalling. A Chinese social worker of the standing of Mr. Ho Kom-tong gives it as his considered opinion that a knowledge of the methods of birth control is a "crying need" in this country. He ought to know; he probably comes into contact with more abject misery among the poor than any other social worker here. Only a very blind defender will deny that there are unlimited families among the poor who cannot provide half the necessities for bringing up a family; that children are born and live, if they live at all, in conditions which are a disgrace to civilisation; that the social services performed by such societies as the Children's Aid Society but touch the fringe of the problem; and finally, that anything which replaces these conditions—or promises to do so—with the ameliorating conditions of smaller, but healthier families, is performing a social service of incalculable value to the future and liberating through the of mankind as a whole."

Here There and Everywhere.

NO SECOND VATICAN CITY

It is said that the proposal in the Hoare-Laval peace plan which the Duce most disliked concerned the Holy City of Aksum.

The proposal was that the Holy City should be excluded from the general Italian possession of the Eastern Tigre.

The Duce, when he heard of it, burst out, "No! No! Basta. una città vaticana"—"one Vatican City is quite enough."

EVEREST'S EXTRA FEET

The exact height which the 1936 Everest Expedition will have to climb is now usually given as 29,140 ft. or 29,141 ft. This is supposed to be the height of the summit as calculated by "trigonometrical projection."

Those, however, who were brought up in the belief that Everest was "29,000 ft. plus two," need not surrender to the newfangled estimate without a struggle.

No less august a body than the Royal Geographical Society still insists on the 29,002 figure. This is supported, so it is claimed, by recent Government of India surveys, and it nails its colours to the mast by printing that figure on its maps.

The climbers will hope that Sir George Everest's original estimate is true. Another 138 ft. or 139 ft. at that height, when the smallest movement is an effort, will make a tremendous difference.

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HYPOCRITE!

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Sticking To Facts

"Now you must be very careful how you answer," said the counsel, "and not say anything that is not strictly true. You drive a milk cart, don't you?"
"No, sir."
"But I thought you did. What do you do for a living, then?"
"I drive the horse that pulls the milk cart, sir."

CONTINUED BUGBEAR OF EXAMINATIONS

COMPLAINTS AGAINST THE PRESENT SYSTEM

SOME PATENT DIFFICULTIES WHICH CONFRONT EXAMINERS

(By Very Rev. W. R. Inge, D.D.)

On New Year's Day a conference opened in London, attended by 100 professors, lecturers, and secondary school teachers, to listen, at the first session, to a lecture by Sir Michael Sadler called "An Inquest on Examinations." He explained, however, that the corpse was not really dead. Sir Michael is also chairman of a committee which has issued a report called "An Examination of Examinations." I thought at first it was "An Examination of Examiners." That would be an exciting experiment indeed.

I will not discuss Sir Michael's, no doubt excellent, suggestions. But as I have done a good deal of teaching, and examining in my day, I have formed some opinions on the subject of examinations and their influence upon education.

My subjects have been classics and divinity; I have had no experience with mathematics, science, or history. To examine in the higher mathematics is a very highly skilled job, but I believe the merits of the candidates can be tested fairly accurately. It ought not to be very difficult to examine in history.

Holy Orders

Bishops' chaplains do not find examinations for Holy Orders very satisfactory. The standard, even now, is low, and a man may do a very good examination and be a very poor parish priest.

The old type of examination paper: "What do you know of Chedorlaomer, Chushanrishathaim, Mahershalhashbuz, Huz, Buz, Luz, and Uz?" is, I hope, extinct; but it is not easy to test the real fitness of a candidate. One young gentleman, asked to write out the Nicene Creed, declared, "I believe in all

things, both visible and invisible." He thought that was quite safe!

In classics I think the examination system works fairly well. It encourages reading in classes (at any rate at Cambridge), and, for the sake of composition, close attention to style and literary beauty; further, a classical scholar must know at least as much of his own language as of Latin and Greek.

Every paper has to be independently read and marked by two examiners; a third is called in if differences of opinion may affect a man's class. The most difficult paper to mark is Latin Prose.

Systems Of Marking

The system of marking at Oxford and at Cambridge is quite different. At Cambridge numerical marks are given and added up; the Oxford examiner is an impressionist; as he reads, a letter of the Greek alphabet forms itself in his mind.

The humours of examinations invade even the exalted seats of learning. At Brasenose the authorities once asked Pater, who was a Fellow, to examine the essays in a scholarship examination. They thought the opinion of such a master of English style would be valuable. When they met, all that Pater said was, "O, I don't know. I thought them all very bad. There was one boy called Sanctuary. I liked his name!" He was not asked to examine again.

In a Fellowship Examination the subject for the essay was Proudhon's "La propriété, c'est le vol." A pessimist wrote on "Propriety is on the wing"; a paradoxical moralist on "Thieving is justifiable"; and a meta-

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"BELIEVE IT OR NOT" by Robert L. Ripley.



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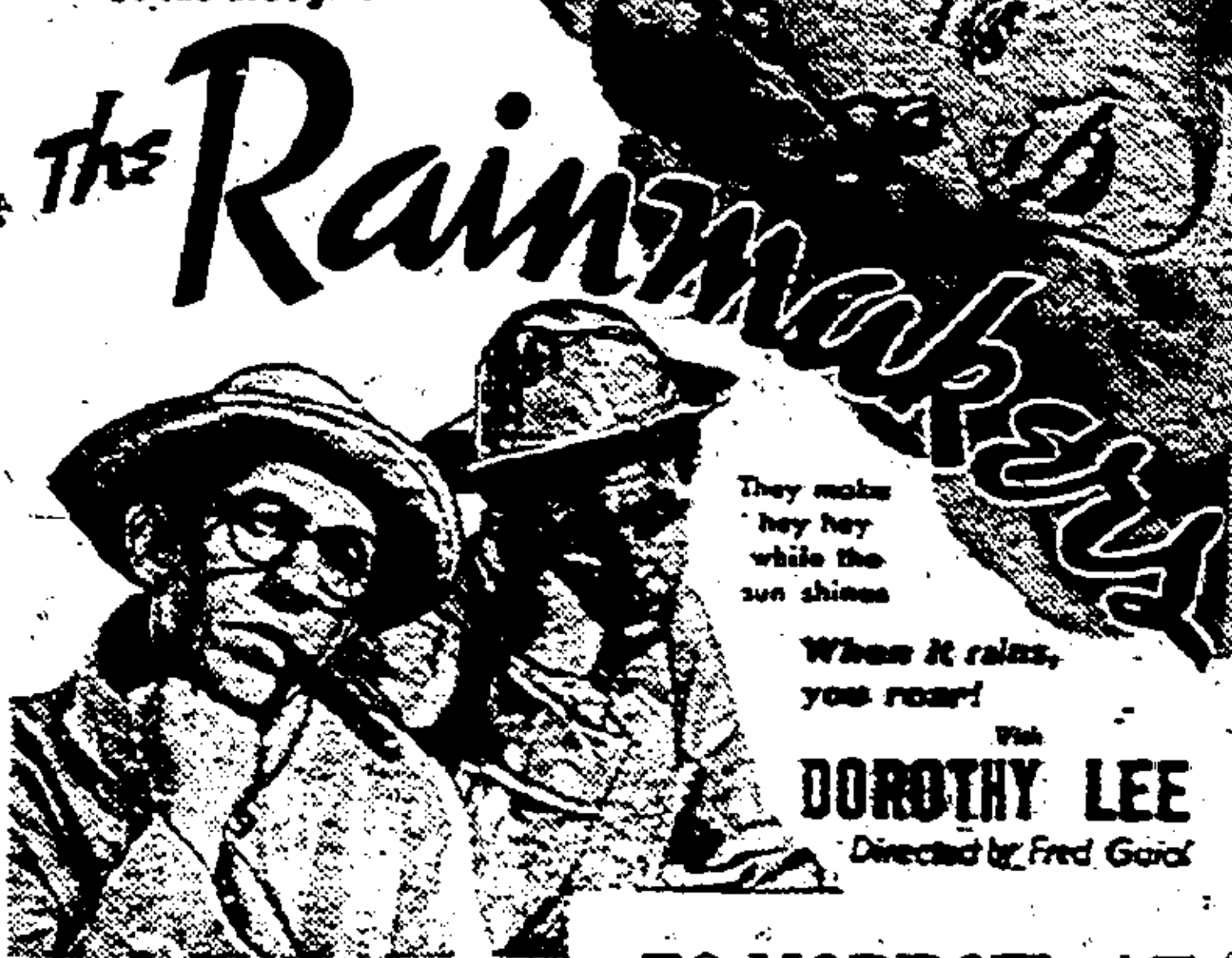
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WALLACE BEERY AND JACKIE COOPER RISE TO
NEW HEIGHTS IN "O'SHAUGHNESSY'S BOY"

By Diane

TWO of the most popular comedians, Wheeler and Woolsey, are teamed again with Dorothy Lee in another of their "Smash Laugh Hits," "The Rainmakers." This is the very latest R.K.O. release of the famous trio, and is a thrilling satire on the new "science" farming and the railroad industry.

The story is laid in the Midwest and in a Californian bean-growing community, sadly in need of rain. Bob Woolsey, in the role of a rain-making expert, attempts to aid the discouraged farmers, assisted loyally and of course ludicrously by pal Bert Wheeler. Berton Churchill ("Simon Parker") and his son (played by George Meeker) are the enemies who do all they can to thwart the well-meant plans of the two.

No need to enter into any more of the story; but, aided by pretty, dainty Dorothy Lee, Freddie Beland (stage actor from Broadway), catchy song numbers, every variety of storm, and a wild climax which gives a dramatic thrill—not usually expected in a farce—the two stars once more add to their enormous popularity and give a picture that can rank with the best they have given us. Looking back on all their pictures from the first big hit of "Rio Rita," the "Two W's" have a record of which to be proud, and from 1929 to 1935 they have few pictures which cannot be rated as "top-notchers." (Alhambra).

"O'Shaughnessy's Boy"

Here is what might be called a two-man show, because most of the footage is given to Wallace Beery and young Jackie Cooper. Most of us will recall how we wept when these two really fine actors appeared in "The Champ" and "The Bowers"; so once again be prepared for tears in another of the father-and-son epics. Wallace Beery is a circus animal trainer, (don't let it be forgotten that Beery's first theatrical experiences were gained in a circus), big and bluff but a boy at heart, with his son his pride and joy. It seems strange to see tiny "Spanky" MacFarland play this part of "Jackie" as a youth.

The boy is taken away from his father and placed in a Military School. This gives the chance for Mr. Beery to show how a stricken fellow can descend to the depths. He loses his nerve among the animals, tramps the roads in search of his son, and finally we see him re-united after many misunderstandings, which makes him once again the greatest animal showman of all.

Glamorous circus backgrounds, with some specially exciting animal acts. Wallace Beery and Jackie Cooper repeat, more or less, their performances of previous pictures; but it is a pity Jackie has to sob for most of the time. Sarah Haden provides a sound study as the narrow-minded Aunt, and Clarence Muse his usual natural negro comedy. Leona Maricle, Willard Robertson, Henry Stephenson and others make this film quite attractive to filmgoers who are not too sophisticated. (King's).

"Navy Wife"

Ralph Bellamy (looking specially handsome in uniform), and Claire Trevor, are excellent in a strong drama from the story "Beauty's Daughter" by the well-known authoress Kathleen Norris. The scenes are laid in a Naval Hospital in San Diego, where the Naval Surgeon (Bellamy) marries pretty Nurse Trevor on a basis of friendship alone. He is a widower, with a crippled daughter who has taken a great fancy to the nursing sister. Then the hero meets an attractive, adventurous (Kathleen Norris) and becomes infatuated with her. When it is too late, he realizes that he loves not love her; and when he tries to get back some incriminating letters, she shoots him.

Friend Dr. Ben Lyon, later explains that the friendship had only been undertaken at the orders of the Secret Intelligence Bureau, so

we leave Bellamy and wife re-united in a marriage that is no longer a mere friendly agreement. Jane Darwell and George Irving are the principals among the support. Not to be missed, as this Twentieth Century-Fox picture fills most cinemagoers' requirements—that is if they are out for a popular story, favourite leading players, good support and all-round excellence in production.

With this picture the "Gaiety Girls" give a most entertaining half-hour. The five Girls, specially shining in well-rehearsed tap-dance routines, wearing cute and fanciful costumes and most pleasing to the eyes, form one of the best little "acts" of its kind to visit the local theatres. (Alhambra).

"Ship Cafe"

Carl Brisson has not been seen here since his highly successful musical comedy "All the King's Horses", and now this popular Danish actor-singer comes in a picture that gives him more opportunity for acting than singing; but he seems out of place in the garb of a ship's stoker, and "bouncer" in a cafe. We are used to seeing him in uniform or immaculate clothes; here at least he has the uniform, even though it is only that of a stoker.



The story tells how he loses his job as a stoker, but gets a break as a singer in his friend's "Ship Cafe", a restaurant built in an old sailing ship moored off Manhattan. Here the handsome hero falls in love with a dancer (Arline Judge), but because of the fascination he holds for a foreign Countess (Mady Christians) there are the usual misunderstandings. The success of the picture depends upon the special appeal of Mr. Brisson, the comedy work of William Frawley, the helpful wisecracks of Inez Courtney, the singing of Eddie Davis, and the charm of Arline Judge. Good entertainment in the light type of screen fare. (Queen's).

"His Night Out"

That really delightful comedian, favourite of cinemagoers the world over, Edward Everett Horton, is given a splendid opportunity to shine in this Universal comedy. It is hilarious—in parts—and assuredly B.E.H. at his best, and "tailor-made" to his special brand of humour.

The story tells how the dyspeptic hero struggles with the mysteries of love and adventure. Told by a quack doctor that he has little time to live, our hero-braves Gangster Jack is Ene to bring back some stolen bonds—and of course wins the pretty heroine, played by winsome Irene Harvey (the little lady who hopes soon to be Mrs. Robert Taylor). Robert McWade, old-timer Jack Mithall, Lola Lane and Billy Burrund lend adequate support, but it is E.E.H. who shoulders the responsibility of handing out immortalable laughs; and you can't go wrong when you see him in his latest hilarious comedy. Coming to the Alhambra.

DIRECTED by Frank Borzage. "Shipmates Forever" is one of the best offerings of the highly popular Warner Bros. team, Dick Powell and Ruby Keeler. Most of the picture was made on location at the Naval Academy at Annapolis and on the flagship "Pennsylvania" at San Pedro.

There is a sameness about stories laid in such environment, but these two delightfully natural, charming young juveniles make it appear fresh and appealing—due no doubt to the deft and sympathetic handling by the Director. The story tells how "Dick", a big-time "crooner," enters the Naval Academy only to please his Admiral father (Lewis Stone).

By his discontent he makes himself most unpopular with his classmates, but while the ship is on battle practice at sea there is a boiler explosion and hero Dick redeems himself by saving the life of his room-mate, naturally becoming the idol of the Academy and the whole Fleet.

I need say no more except that Dick has some charming songs. Miss Keeler contributes her usual expert dancing, sparkling performances are given by Ross Alexander, Lewis Stone, John Arledge and a new comedian, Eddie Arcuff. Though the story is once more of love, duty, service, wisecracks, rebellion and heroism, you are in for worthwhile entertainment, as the two stars are given such grand chances to shine. Not to be missed. (Queen's).

"Rendezvous"

You cannot fail to be entertained by this expose of spy activities in the last War, and the clever original way in which you are kept amused and in keen suspense by the witty, brilliant, fascinating member of the War Department, as portrayed by the popular Mr. William Powell. You will also appreciate the smart work of Miss Rosalind Russell, that comparative newcomer who owes most of her present "breaks" to the fact that delightful Myrna Loy ran away—for a time—from M.G.M.

The "Rendezvous" referred to in the title is a spot in the Atlantic where American troop ships are met by British destroyers for protection against the German "U" Boats. Bill Powell is the code expert at Washington, and most of the picture is concerned with his efforts to locate spies who are intercepting messages. Miss Russell is the scatter-brained daughter of the Assistant-Secretary for War, who follows him about, throwing obstacles in his way—without meaning to do so—and ultimately marries him. Binnie Barnes, Lionel Atwill, and Cesar Romero give excellent support. Strongly advised. (King's).

"If You Could Only Cook"

One of those charmingly preposterous little Cinderella masquerade tales with Herbert Marshall's disarming manner and adorable Jean Arthur's honest artistic work making it a delight to watch. Seeking romance on the eve of his bluebook wedding, wealthy Mr. Marshall pursues it, incognito, into the butler's pantry of a racketeer's mansion. Leo Carrillo in the sort of part in which he excels, Lionel Stander, Ralf Harolde, Alan Edwards and others. Worth seeing. (King's).

"Front Page Woman"

Bette Davis and George Brent in an interesting, well-acted story about the ever-colourful activities of newspaper folk. They are rivals in work but lovers outside it. The dialogue is snappy in this seamy battle between the crack reporter and the "sob-sister," and when both cover a murder story you have your fill of excitement. Reviewer rates high in support. (Queen's).

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SUNDAY AT THE KING'S THEY'VE DONE IT AGAIN!

You said they couldn't top "The Champ" and "Treasure Island"—but the screen's most lovable pair crash through with their finest triumph in this glorious romance of the "big top."



Wallace Beery and Jackie Cooper, the beloved screen pals of "The Champ" and "Treasure Island" are together again in "O'Shaughnessy's Boy," a stirring drama of the circus, which is coming on Sunday to the King's Theatre.



Bert Wheeler and Robert Woolsey are in the RKO Radio picture, "The Rainmakers," which is coming to the Alhambra Theatre tomorrow.



Key Francis plays the leading role in the Warner Bros. production, "The Champ," which will be screened at the Queen's Theatre shortly.



FROM TO-MORROW

All hands surrender to Dick and Ruby as Warner Bros. great romance of Annapolis bombards the town with laughs and thrills! It's your best show bet!

"Shipmates Forever"

with
DICK POWELL - RUBY KEELER

NEXT CHANGE

The merry tale of a singing sailor's adventures

"SHIP CAFE"

with CARL BRISSON—ARLINE JUDGE

Short Shots

MR. WAY, the charming and courteous local representative of the R.K.O. Studios, tells me that Miss Ginger Rogers' starring vehicle "In Person" (with George Brent) will be showing here shortly. We are not likely to see the charming lady "in person," though, for some while, as she has so many films scheduled, and shortly starts work on her last (for a brief space of time I hope) with co-star Fred Astaire—"I Won't Dance." It is not the fans' wish that these two talented artists should separate, but the Studio think it a wiser policy to give them both a chance to show their great worth separately as well as together. After all, there are many of us who consider Miss Rogers made Fred Astaire—in films at least. He did not set the world on fire in "Dancing Lady," but he did in "Flying down to Rio" with the one and only lovely Ginger.

Here is the cable. I received this week from Miss Rogers from New York: "Returning to-day R.K.O. studios after short vacation. Regret inability visit Far East now but hope do so first opportunity. Sincerest regards. (Signed) Ginger Rogers." Now that this talented and lovely star has once been again chosen Hong Kong's favourite star through the medium of our popular Daily South China Morning Post, she is certain of a tremendous welcome when she can manage a short visit.

H. G. Wells, while on a recent visit to Hollywood, was enabled to see the "Miracle Child" Shirley Temple, at work in her newest picture, "Captain January," and remarked that without doubt she was the most amazing child in the world to-day.

Ramon Novarro has certainly struck a bad patch. After closing down his London show he went on the Continent, but after some appearances in Budapest, he received no payment, so now he and his sister are appearing in a sketch on the London music-halls.

Wendy Harris and Gene Raymond are at work for R. K. O. in "Don't Bet on Love."

The little South African girl, Sybil Jason, seems destined for big things with Warner's. She is now at work with Al Jolson in "The Singing Kid." Edward Everett Horton is also in the cast.



Dick Powell and Ruby Keeler are in the First National production, "Shipmates Forever," which will be shown at the Queen's Theatre next Sunday.

Richard Arlen has the lead in "Three Live Ghosts," and not Robert Taylor, but the latter will be featured with Wallace Beery in "First to Fight."

Anne Harding and Herbert Marshall are together again at R. K. O. making "The Indestructible Mrs. Tipton." Walter Abel of "The Three Musketeers" is also in the cast.

James Cagney is on strike again at Warners, because they are overworking him. He signed to make four pictures a year and instead he has made 14 in three years. He intends slowing up now, to bring his total to twenty in five years.

That clever character actor Edward G. Robinson will make a film about faked politics, titled "Bullets or Ballots" for Warners.

Lovely German Dorothea Wieck ("Mädchen in Uniform") is seeking a divorce from her journalist husband, as she says he can't really criticise her work when he is her husband. Something new in reasons for divorce.

Scenarist Miles Malloway has put in three years' work on adapting "Huckleberry Finn" for the screen, while Gladys West at M.G.M. has already been two years on "Marie Antoinette" for Norma Shearer—DANCE.

UNREST IN SYRIA

Possible Recall Of Commissioner

STORMY DEBATE IN CHAMBER

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Paris, To-day.
The recall of the French High Commissioner of Syria, M. de Martel, in connection with the recent violent disturbances in that country, is expected by the *Petit Journal*, which asserts that the Premier, M. Sarraut, will probably make an announcement to this effect at the forthcoming meeting of the Governors of the French Colonies and Residents-General in the French protectorates bordering the Mediterranean.

CHAMBER DEBATE

The latest disorders in Syria were the subject of an animated debate in the Foreign Political Committee of the Chamber on Wednesday afternoon.

A report criticising the administrative activities of the High Commissioner, M. de Martel, was read, which proposed a number of changes in the important posts on the mandatory administration. Telegrams from Syria, protesting against the "highly unpopular" High Commissioner and his administration" were read, but several members of the Committee rose in his defence, and read other telegrams, which indicated that M. de Martel enjoyed the sympathy of a large section of the Syrian population.

The conclusion reached, after hearing the charges and counter-charges by the Committee, was that as the evidence was so contradictory a new investigation was necessary, and the final decision was therefore postponed until a more accurate report could be obtained.—Trans-Ocean Service.

SOVIET PACT WITH FRANCE

Improvement Plans Under Way

STARTLING REVELATIONS PROMISED

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Paris, To-day.
The Chamber debate on the Franco-Russian pact was to have been resumed yesterday afternoon, and it was anticipated with keen interest, especially since the first speaker, the former Communist Deputy, M. Doriot, was expected to make some startling revelations concerning the relations between the French Communist Party and Moscow.

Among the other speakers was to have been M. Herriot, who is a convinced adherent of the pact, and the Foreign Minister, M. Flan-din, who was to make a long-awaited statement on the scope of the new agreement.

M. Paul-Boncour, who is now Minister for League of Nations Affairs, was also included in the list of speakers, but it was uncertain whether he would be able to address the Chamber yesterday, since owing to the large number of Deputies anxious to take part in the debate, the latter would probably have to be adjourned.—Trans-Ocean Service.

HOLLAND'S FIRM STAND

Colonial Territories To Be Held

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

The Hague, To-day.
Defending the Dutch Government's refusal to resume diplomatic relations with Soviet Russia, the Foreign Minister, Jan de Graeff, declared in the First Chamber that the recognition of the Soviet Union would inevitably conjure up the danger of Holland becoming a hub of Communist propaganda.

In the further course of his speech, which was mainly devoted to vindication of the Dutch Government's adherence to the League of Nations, the Minister also emphatically declared that Holland would never voluntarily cede an inch of her colonial possessions in order to satisfy the desire for expansion of other countries.—Trans-Ocean Service.



Kenneth Born, above, of Otago City, Kansas, a senior in the University of Kansas, was chairman of the committee which planned a hunger march to Tokyo to focus the attention of Governor Landon on their plight.

LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation's annual meeting will take place to-morrow at 11.30 a.m. at the Head Office of the Corporation, No. 1 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong.

Mr. E. G. Lacayo, Vice-Consul for Nicaragua in Manila, arrived in Hong Kong for three months' holiday.

Two cases of enteric fever were reported to the Health authorities in the 24 hours ended on Wednesday.

The Seventh Annual Photographic Exhibition of the H.K.U.A.P.C. will be held from the 22nd to the 29th instant in the Gloucester Building (Top Floor).

The Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, Dr. W. B. A. Moore, O.B.E., and Mrs. Moore, will leave Statue Pier at 10.30 a.m. to-morrow to embark on the P. and O. liner Cathay, sailing at noon for Home.

Two attractive Cheero Club functions have been arranged for Wednesday next—a tea dance at the Club from 5 to 7.30 p.m. (admission 40 cts.), and a concert by the "Eight Cornwallians," commencing at 9 p.m.

A First Aid lecture (for women) will be given by Dr. D. J. Valentine, M.C., M.B., B.S. (Lon.), D.T.M. and H. (Eng.), J.P., at the Urban Council Chamber (the Old Sanitary Board Room), top floor, Post Office Building, to-day at 5.30 p.m.

Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day was 0.01 inch. The total since January 1 has been 3.13 inches, against an average of 2.51 inches.

Dr. C. T. Wang, District Governor of Rotary for China, the Philippines and Hong Kong, is due to arrive in Hong Kong by the President Grant this afternoon and will be entertained to dinner this evening by the local Rotary Club. The dinner will be held in the Jacobean Room of the Hong Kong Hotel at 8 o'clock instead of in the Peninsula Hotel as previously announced.

Mr. James Furay, Vice-President of the United Press, is returning to Shanghai by the s.s. President Hoover to-morrow after a short visit to the Philippines.

Mr. R. S. Rogers, the Manila manager of Messrs. Liggett and Meyers Tobacco Co., is returning to the United States on leave, by the s.s. President Hoover, which leaves Hong Kong to-morrow at 10 a.m.

Mr. Eugene Lacayo, Vice-Consul for Nicaragua at Hong Kong, returned to the Colony this morning by the s.s. President Hoover, after a brief visit to Manila.

Mr. F. W. Sutterle, Treasurer of the China Finance Corporation, Shanghai, arrived in the Colony this morning by the s.s. Cathay.

Among the passengers who arrived in the Colony this morning by the s.s. Cathay from Shanghai was Mr. E. S. Elise, a well-known sharebroker.

Mr. J. W. Pote-Hunt, the well-known Shanghai jockey, was an arrival this morning from Shanghai by the s.s. Cathay.

Summoned at the instance of Mr. P. Grant, A. S. P., Chan Ping,

LEITH-ROSS MISSION

Sir Frederick Sees The Press

OPTIMISTIC ABOUT FUTURE OUTLOOK

Sir Frederick Leith-Ross, the Financial Adviser to the British Government, met representatives of the Press at Government House last evening, where a number of questions on economic conditions in China were answered by the distinguished visitor.

Referring to the stabilisation of currency by China, Sir Frederick expressed the opinion that it had so far been successful and that the position of the currency was quite sound. As far as his own part in this move was concerned, Sir Frederick said that he had been merely an "interested spectator."

He had himself been much impressed by the successful developments effected by China in the last five or six years, especially in the Yangtze regions and in Kwangtung. In his opinion stable political and financial conditions were necessary for the further expansion of the Chinese export trade. There were large possibilities ahead in this direction.

Far-sighted View

The policy of Britain vis-à-vis China was the far-sighted economic view, that the trade interests of China were bound up with her own prosperity, so that all foreign countries might take their fair share in China's increased opportunities for trade, always conforming to the principle of the open door.

Sir Frederick considered that the eventual linking up of the Kowloon-Canton and Hankow Railways was "inevitable." In his opinion this could not help but serve the best interests of the trade of Central China. One of the most important things for China, so far as her trade was concerned, was that transport charges should be reduced. The cost of transport of Chinese goods was a very serious handicap in increasing her exports.

Sir Frederick was somewhat non-committal in connection with Japan's influence on Chinese trade. He expressed the opinion that Japan had always strictly respected her treaty engagements.

The prospect of an international loan to China was mentioned by one interviewer present. Sir Frederick said that the possibility of such a loan was always in mind. In London, for instance, there were large quantities of idle capital available for profitable investment. If any such international loan were mooted, Sir Frederick thought that no doubt Japan would be invited to participate in it.

Canton Visit

Sir Frederick left for a short "business visit" to Canton last night. He will later return to Hong Kong, and continue by the Empress boat to Shanghai on Wednesday. In Canton he plans to meet representatives of the Government, bankers and traders. He hopes to be able to see conditions for himself, and to obtain some new glimpses of Chinese life.

As regards his future plans Sir Frederick is not sure what will eventually be arranged. Whether he will again visit Japan is not certain, though he has been considering returning to Europe via Suez.

Sir Frederick expressed a parting hope to his interviewers that they could not misrepresent him too much!

LEICESTER LOSE AT HOME

Bradford City Win At Hull

London, To-day.

Leicester's chances of promotion to the premier division received a rude check yesterday when they were beaten at home by the odd goal in three by Bury.

Yesterday's results, as cable by Reuters, were as follows:

SECOND DIVISION
Leicester 1 Bury 2
Sheffield U. 1 Blackpool 0
Hull 2 Bradford C. 5

driver of lorry No. 4154, was this morning fined £20 for driving without due care and caution in Main Street, Shaukiwan, on February 7.

To-day's Short Story

The Sin Of Sister Christabel

By Keith Bradbury

WHAT a nice place to live in, sister," remarked Sister Ellen, as the two nuns trudged towards the station.

All day they had been walking up and down the streets of the suburb, knocking at the neat front doors, which were so often closed in their gentle faces. They were collecting money for the fund for sick children. Every year the community sent out canvassers into the suburbs. It was a treat to the nuns, for they saw fresh scenes, new faces, and sometimes they were even asked into the houses.

It was a thrilling experience to have tea in a drawing-room instead of the convent refectory, perhaps to listen to a wireless set, and to speak to the children. Sister Christabel anticipated these excursions so eagerly that she reproached herself for worldliness.

"Yes, it is a pleasant place," she answered.

They were treading a path which led across some fields to the station. A row of poplars fluted at one side, behind them glowed the setting sun. The birds called to each other as they went to rest, reminding the nuns of vespers in the convent chapel.

Suddenly Sister Christabel became conscious of another sound. She paused. "Did you hear anything, sister?"

Sister Ellen stood listening. "I

fancied I heard a tiny squeak. It might be a field mouse, perhaps."

They stood side by side in their stiff medieval habits, but the sound was not repeated. They were moving on again, when once more something arrested Sister Christabel's attention. "There it is again. Let's try to find out what it is."

She moved in the direction of the sound, her skirts brushing over the grass, her veil bowing behind her. Sister Ellen followed, and together they peeped into a deserted garden. There was a board erected beside the gate, displaying the words "FOR SALE". The windows of the house were uncurtained, and the place was obviously deserted. Again came the tiny sound.

Sister Christabel pushed open the gate and stooped over a flower bed. There, amid a tangle of flowers, she saw the most pitiable object. A tiny kitten stood meowing. Its fur was clotted and foul, it was unnaturally thin, and above one watery blue eye was a swelling which might have been caused by a blow. It had hardly the strength to cry; its tiny mouth opened continually, showing the pink tongue, but scarcely any sound emerged. It backed away from them timidly—its scatty tail held rigid, one paw up-raised.

"Poor little thing!" exclaimed Sister Ellen. Sister Christabel knelt and held out her hand to the tiny creature. It backed further into its flower-bed refuge. "You go quietly behind it, sister, and drive it towards me, so that I can catch hold of it," she instructed.

Her companion did as she was bid, and the terrified kitten bounded straight into Sister Christabel's hands. She picked it up and held it to her black-robed bosom. "Why, the little thing's half starved!" she cried.

TO-MORROW'S STORY

To-morrow's story will be "A Pair Of Trousers," by Hardie Matthew.

"The people must have gone away and left it. Oh, how cruel!" "Let's take it to the station. We can get some milk, perhaps, at the refreshment room."

"There's not one at this station, sister."

"Well, let us take him. We can't leave him here to starve."

Sister Ellen flattered along nervously. She was too timid to remonstrate with her friend, but she felt sure she was acting unwisely.

What would she do with the kitten when the train came in? Would they not attract too much attention on the station?

The young porter who dipped their tickets smiled at the kitten, and put out his hand to touch it, but it cowered against its protector.

"Nervous, isn't it?" he remarked. "Yes I am afraid the poor little thing has been left in an empty house to starve."

"You don't say? Poor little thing, now! I've got a drop of milk left over from my tea. I could let you have for him."

"It's very kind of you." The boy produced a saucer and poured the milk into it. The kitten drank furiously, spattering white drops all round it, as if it were unaccustomed to lap. The porter beamed with pleasure as he watched the milk diminish.

"Like that, don't he?" he observed as the train slid into the station.

Sister Christabel caught up the little creature and wrapped it in her wide sleeves.

"But, sister! You can't take him with you—you know it's against the rules," demurred Sister Ellen.

"But we can't leave him to starve."

"Perhaps that nice porter would look after him?" Sister Christabel did not heed her; she climbed into an empty carriage and pulled her companion after her. The train jerked on. "Are you going to take him to the convent?" Sister Ellen's sure to find out and make trouble!" (Continued on Page 11)

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POLITICS IN SPAIN

Great Enthusiasm Prevails

Madrid, To-day.

There is great enthusiasm throughout Spain. The new Prime Minister, Don Azana, promises that the amnesty of 30,000 political prisoners or exiles concerned in the abortive revolt of 1934 will be the first task of Parliament when it opens on March 15.—Reuters Bulletin Service.

CONSTITUTIONAL RULE

Madrid: The new Spanish Premier, Don Azana, told pressmen that his Government would aim at carrying out the programme of the "People's Front," and that the new Cabinet did not want any kind of new disturbances. An amnesty law would be passed by the Cortes. The new Cabinet would rule constitutionally and strive to maintain justice and order throughout the land.—Trans-Ocean Service.

M. VENIZELOS'S DECISION

Definite Retirement From Politics

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Athens, To-day.
The ex-Premier, M. Venizelos, addressed a letter to his friends here, declaring definitely that his decision to withdraw from politics is final. He writes that the last

ABYSSINIAN CONFLICT

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BADOGLO ADVANCES
Rome: A further advance on the northern front by the First Army Corps was announced in yesterday's communique from Marshal Badoglio. This corps forms the left wing of the army, as reconstituted after the recent battle south of Makale. The advancing troops reached a group of villages at the junction of three caravan trails, 15 miles north of Amba Alabbi. No resistance was encountered.—Reuters Bulletin Service.

EFFECTS OF SANCTIONS
Paris: The various consequences of the sanctions begin to be noticeable on the statistics of trade between Italy and France. The Temps draws attention to the fact that imports of Italian goods declined from 25,323,000 francs in the previous year to only 4,134,000 in January of this year, while the exports to Italy in the corresponding months were 47,311,000 francs in 1935 and 13,636,000 francs in 1936.—Trans-Ocean Service.

DUDLEY "WHIPSADE"

The Zoo to be formed in the grounds of Dudley Castle, on the Hues of Whipsnade, will be opened in the spring of next year.

elections showed that the Greek people decline the policy decision to withdraw from politics and leadership.—Trans-Ocean Service.



Our picture shows the new observation motor train of the Reich Railway, which is principally being used in mountainous sections. As it is a glass construction travellers can enjoy an uninterrupted view in all directions.

NEW LOCOMOTIVES IN GERMANY

PEAK ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENTS

WHEN the first German railway — that from Nuremberg to the neighbouring town of Furth — was built 100 years ago, the two locomotives required were obtained from England. It is interesting to note that medical opinion was not at all favourably disposed towards the new venture, as it was held that "the enormous speed" would seriously injure the health of the passengers.

Three years later, the line from Berlin to Potsdam was opened to traffic; and we learn from contemporary newspaper accounts that an invalid soldier with a wooden leg caused great annoyance to the passengers because he used to walk alongside the moving train, asking for alms.

Things in the railway world for the short funnel, which just have changed very considerably since then, as a glance at the present-day locomotives will show at once. The principal type now used for the express trains run by the German Rail-road Corporation is conspicuous

in order to break the force of the wind and air. Combined with the principle of a stream-lined design, they are of great importance to speeds exceeding 100 kilometres per hour (about 62 miles). Linings that almost reach down to the very rails are indispensable where such speeds are concerned.

This is borne out by the latest steam locomotive used by the Corporation, in which the engine part is only accessible through special doors which, of course, are made to open easily.

Built For Speed

This locomotive is built for a speed of 150 kilometres per hour, but attained a maximum speed of 195.6 kilometres during the trials. It is thus the world's fastest locomotive engine.

There are three cylinders, and the engine output is more than 3,000 h.p. for a boiler pressure of about 20 atmospheres and a steam temperature of 400 degrees Centigrade. It is capable of pulling a train consisting of five steel-built carriages whose aggregate weight is 250 tons.

Meanwhile, certain other possibilities suitable for express-train speeds have been practically tested in Germany. The best-known of them is presumably "The Flying Hamburger," a rail motor-car train with Diesel-electric drive, whose maximum speed is 150 kilometres. It is used on the line from Hamburg to Berlin.

Electric Drive

Electric drive, too, is now largely resorted to in Germany. The technical possibilities for doing so have been in existence for a long time past; but in former years, steam-driven locomotives were preferred because in the event of war an electricity works can be easily put out of action for a considerable period by throwing bombs, whilst the destruction of a few individual locomotives by that method is of relatively little importance only.

The heavy electric locomotives required for these services resemble large goods trucks when viewed from a distance. They have four driving engines with a combined output of 4,300 h.p., giving them a maximum speed of 165 kilometres per hour. Hence, they are the world's most powerful locomotives. Up to now, about 80 of them have been turned out by the A.E.G. company.

CASE FOR BIRTH CONTROL

Mrs. Margaret Sanger
At H.K. Hotel

ELOQUENT PLEA

The Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel was crowded to its utmost capacity yesterday afternoon to hear the addresses of Mrs. Margaret Sanger, leader of the birth-control movement in America, and Mrs. How-Martyn, President of the Birth-control International Information Centre, London. Professor C. W. C. Nixon, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the Hong Kong University, presided and introduced the speakers.

Those Present
Among those present were Lady Southern, O.B.E., Lady Pollock, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Mr. W. J. Carrie, President of the Urban Council, and Mrs. Carrie, Mr. R. A. D. Forest, of the Colonial Secretariat, Dr. G. D. R. Black, Mr. A. Morris, Director of Ambulance of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, Mr. Ho Kom-tong, Dr. Arthur Woo, Dr. J. T. Smalley, Dr. J. Howard Montgomery, Dr. M. O. Pfister, Dr. E. L. de Souza, Dr. (Miss) P. Rut-tonjee, Dr. G. H. Henry, Major V. Duclos, Mrs. Gerrard, Mr. W. N. Thomas, Mr. M. W. Lo, Rev. H. W. Baines, Rev. J. D. MacLean, Rev. K. Mackenzie Dow, Mr. W. A. Zimmern and Mr. F. H. Loseby.

Professor Nixon, introducing the speakers, said that Mrs. Sanger and Mrs. How-Martyn had very kindly stopped in Hong Kong to speak on the rather vexed question of birth control. Mrs. Sanger had been in prison eight times before the War as she had been regarded as a heretic but he was glad to say that one of the judges who tried her case was subsequently present at a birth control meeting.

Professor Nixon said that Lord Dawson of Penn and Lord Horder had supported birth control. There was no doubt that children born within a year of each other ran a far greater risk of non-survival than children born within two or three years of each other.

Eloquent Address

Mrs. Sanger, in the course of an eloquent address, said that there was no subject to-day equalling in importance that of birth control. Nature's old methods of regulating population — war, pestilence and famine — had gone by the board and some other means had to be found. She then went on to stress the seven special reasons why birth-control was advisable and ended with a plea for the establishment of a clinic in Hong Kong where the poor could obtain free advice and urged that this work should be the care of the public health authorities.

Mrs. How-Martyn also spoke, detailing the steps in their fight for public recognition in England.

H. K. BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

Annual Meeting

SIR W. HORNELL APPEALS FOR GENEROUS HELP

The Forty-sixth Annual Meeting of the Hong Kong Benevolent Society was held in the board-room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., yesterday afternoon. Sir William Hornell, C.I.E., Vice-Chancellor of the Hong Kong University, was in the Chair.

Among those present were Mrs. G. R. Sayer (President), Mrs. F. D. Tracy, (Vice-President), Mrs. L. De Ville (Hon. Treasurer), Mrs. L. B. Holmer (Hon. Secretary), Mrs. D. L. Newbigging, Mrs. Grigor, Mrs. F. J. de Rome, Mrs. C. N. Jeffries, Mrs. P. C. Hall, Mrs. C. G. S. Perdue and Mrs. E. D. Walker (Committee). Several other members of the Society were also present.

Sir William, after playing a warm tribute to the ladies who ran the Benevolent Society, said that it was the business of the Society to help. That was their duty — a duty defined by rule. Last year it was decided to make a further appeal for funds to the Government. He was now glad to report that the Government had increased their grant by \$1,000, making a total of \$3,500, to take effect from 1936. The problem



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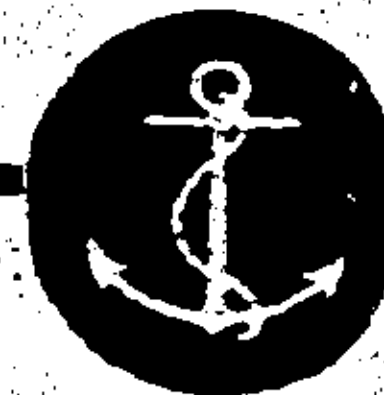
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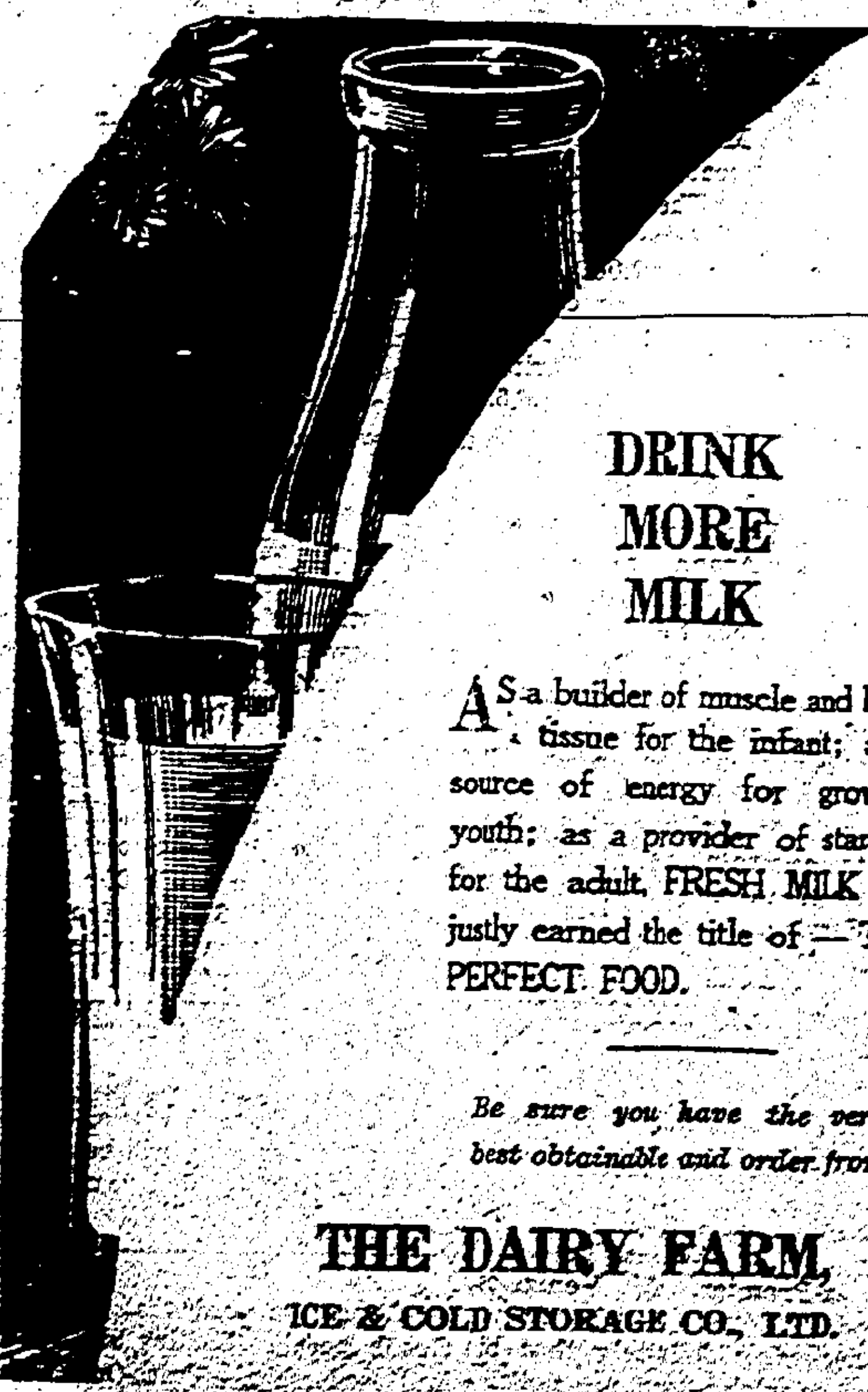
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CORRUPTION OF POLICE

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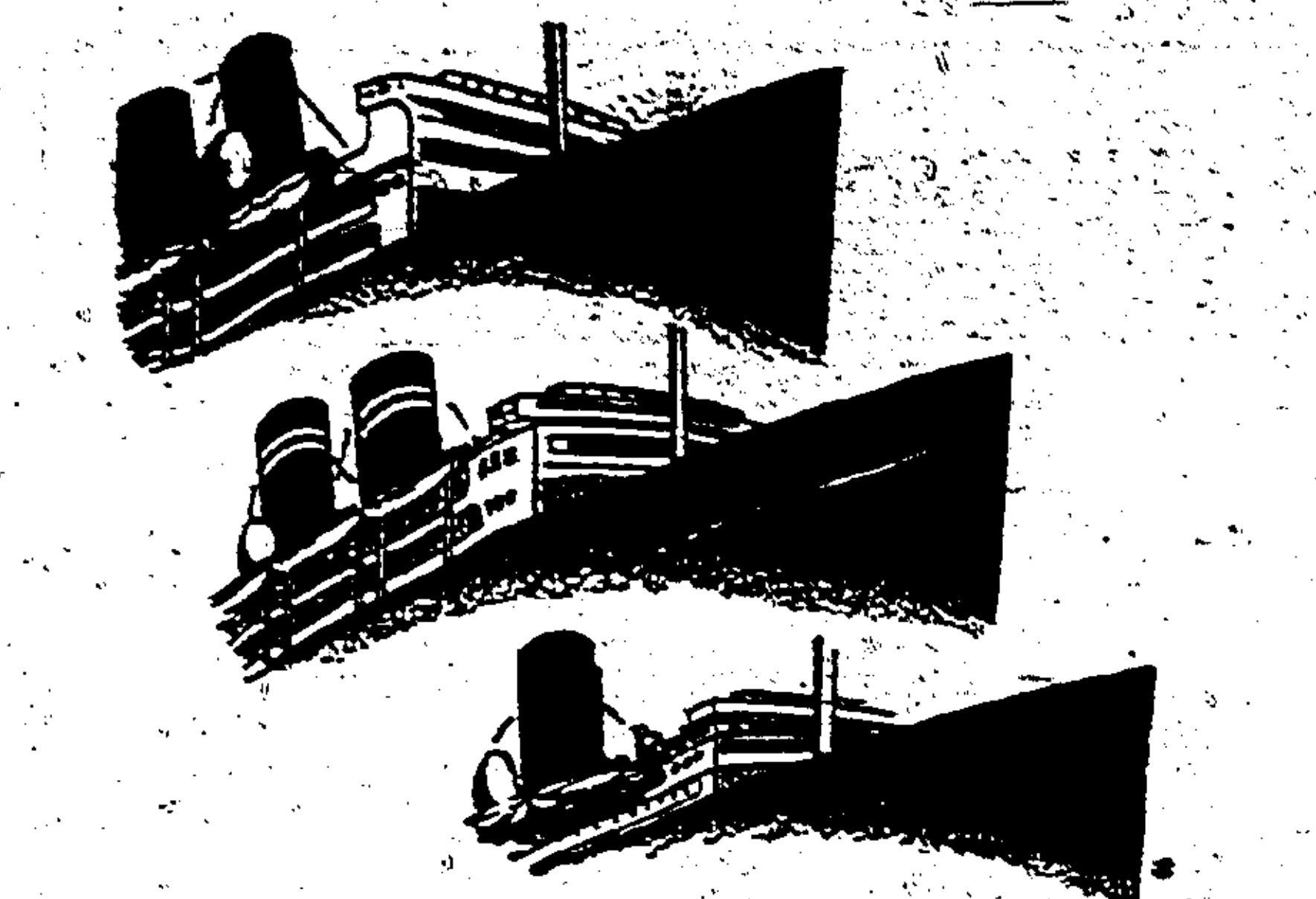
Alfred Bradford, aged 55, a shoemaker, of Long-street, Union-street, Hackney-road, E., and John Thomas Daniels, aged 41, a carman, charged last month with corruptly giving a sum of £10 to William Miller, an agent of the Commissioner of Police.

It was alleged that the money was given "as an inducement for showing favour or forbearing to show disfavour to them in relation to his principal's affairs."

Det. Bradshaw stated that the case arose out of a club raid. A week's remand was ordered and bail was allowed.

WAR ON WOOD PIGEONS

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RANCHI	17,000	4th Apr.	Marseilles & London.
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CARTHAGE	14,500	2nd May	Marseilles & London.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	16th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
BHUTAN	6,000	23rd May	Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
CHITRAL	15,000	30th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
BANPUR	17,000	13th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	27th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
CORFU	14,500	11th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
RANCHI	17,000	25th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
NALDERA	16,000	8th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
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RAJPUTANA	17,000	5th Sept.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.

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CONTINUED BUGBEAR OF EXAMINATIONS

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physician on "Personality consists in volition." What were the examiners to do? French seems to lend itself to howlers. We have most of us heard the ingenious explanation of "Le juif ne veut pas la chandelle"—"the Jew is not worth the scandal."

Who does not sympathise with the boy who, remembering a painful interview with the headmaster, translated "Tout vient à point à qui sait attendre." "Everything comes to a point to him whose seat is tender?"

More Harm Than Good

In English literature I am inclined to think that examinations do more harm than good. Books about books about books! That is the way to prepare for an examination, but emphatically not the way to get all the good out of one of the noblest of all literatures. When the school of English was founded at Oxford, it was nearly killed by the philologists, who wished the candidates to learn Maeso-Gothic, Letto-Slavonic and Icelandic. These are subjects in which one really can examine! No doubt the subject is more rationally taught now, for it is very popular.

There must inevitably be some conflict between education and examinations, because their aims are different. The object of education is not to help a boy to earn his living. It is, as Lord Bryce said, to stimulate curiosity, to help him to admire and love the right things. It is concerned with values, not with facts.

It aims at training the character through the intellect. "The intelligent man," says Plato, "will prize those studies which result in his soul getting soberness, righteousness, and wisdom, and will less value the others." But examinations are intelligence tests, intended to pick out those who have acquired a certain kind of skill. The complaint often made is that these intelligence tests are not satisfactory, if they are to decide who is to get an appointment.

During The War

The method was tried on an enormous scale during the war in the American army. A million and a half men were examined. The tests proved that the average American citizen has the brains of a child of 12, and we cannot suppose that our own countrymen would make a better show.

Among the immigrants, the British passed the test best; and this aroused some suspicion. At home, similar tests have been applied to schools which cater for different classes, and the children of well-to-do professional men come out better than those of the working-man. This result does not please everybody, and it is urged that the son of a lawyer or doctor has advantages at home which have not been considered sufficiently.

This may be so; but heredity counts for a great deal. We do not expect a carthorse colt to win the Derby, nor the colt of a racehorse to drag a dray.

Practical Tests

In choosing a career, there is an Institute of Industrial Psychology which claims to apply more practical tests than any examination. Perhaps employers may come to employ these experts in filling their vacancies.

On the whole, a system of mixed examination and nomination seems to work best. It has long been the method in the Indian Civil Service; and during the war the universities were invited to nominate men for commissions, a task which they discharged very well.

The real failure of our secondary and university education is in not making those who go through it permanently interested in the things of the mind. Too many men say like Samuel Butler, "I don't say that I want to shake off the dust of my university from my shoes, but I do want to get bill, which he held was justified on the necessity of meeting such a situation. They drop their studied foreign competition which intellectual interests altogether. had been driving British ships off the coast. The second reading was carried by 24 votes to 128. — British Wireless Service

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station ZBW, on a wavelength of 355 metres. (845 K.C.'s).

4.5 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
5.45 p.m.—European Programme.
A running commentary on the Rugby Football Match between New Zealand Universities and Hong Kong from the Hong Kong Football Club Ground.
6.15 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
6.30 p.m.—Children's Studio Concert.
7.41 p.m.—European Programme.
7.53 p.m.—Orchestral Music: The Music of the Spheres (Josef Strauss, Op. 235)
Summer Night on the River (Delius)
Carissima (Elgar)
Saint D'Amour (Elgar)
Alborada del Gracioso (Ravel)
7.50-7.55 p.m.—Hawaiian Selections.
Chiquita—Waltz (Wayn)
Drifting and Dreaming
On the Dreamy Moon Shore (Dyson)
Hawaiian March
Kobak March
Sweet Hawaiian Maid
7.55 p.m.—From the Studio.
"New Books Worth Reading" by D.E.A.
8 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report; Closing Local Stock Quotations.
8.05-8.10 p.m.—"Silly Symphonies" (arr. Munnro).
8.10-8.20 p.m.—From the Studio.
"The Race Meeting" by Valley.
8.20-8.40 p.m.—From the Studio.
A Pianoforte Recital by Caroline Braga.

Programme
1. Prelude and Fugue in D Minor, Op. 30
2. Poem, Op. 4 No. 4
3. Cradle Song (refrain de Berceau)
4. Shadow Dance, Op. 39, No. 8
5. Deux Arabesques in A Major and G Major
8.40-9 p.m.—A Relay from Davenport.

The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra, directed by Henry Hall.
9.30 p.m.—A Relay of the Davenport News Bulletin (Copyright by Benter).
9.20-9.30 p.m.—"Melville Gideon Medley."
9.30-9.40 p.m.—A Relay from Davenport.
The British Industries Fair, 1936 by V.A. Lowinger, G.B.E.
9.40-10 p.m.—The J. H. Squire Celeste Octet.
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Mr. Runciman reviewed the year's working of the subsidy and claimed that it had resulted in a benefit to all the interests concerned in shipping, commenting in this connection with pleasure on the agreement reached by the National Maritime Board for the restoration of the cuts in men's wages.

The rejection of the bill was moved for the Labour Opposition by Mr. Shinwell, who contended that no case had been made out for the continued expenditure of public money towards the promotion of private interests. Sir Robert Home supported the bill, which he held was justified on the necessity of meeting such a situation. They drop their studied foreign competition which intellectual interests altogether. had been driving British ships off the coast. The second reading was carried by 24 votes to 128. — British Wireless Service

THE SIN OF SISTER CHRISTABEL

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She moved majestically away. It would not do to be caught listening at doors, but nevertheless, she intended to investigate the cause of Sister Christabel's elation. Next day she detected Sister Hilary slipping something into the suspect's hand. She watched closely as the nun passed her with her hands concealed in her wide sleeves.

Sister Christabel slipped up to her room. She was fortunate in its situation, for it was at the end of the new wing isolated from the other cells, and seldom did anyone disturb her quiet. Every day the nuns had half an hour to themselves after dinner, which they could spend in meditation or as their consciences dictated. She had come to regard these half-hours in the company of her pet as the happiest during the long, uneventful day.

There were no locks on the convent doors, nothing secured her from intrusion but an old-fashioned iron latch. Outside her window was a deep, secluded balcony, where Barnabas took the air, and which, at present, was too high for him to scale.

It was Friday, and Sister Hilary had stuffed a cat's head into a paper bag, which she had concealed in the sleeve of her habit. Barnabas came scampering from his box, his claws rasped at the coverlet as he clung desperately to pull himself on to the bed. "Look what I've brought you, Barny."

She opened the bag. Barnabas's milky blue eyes grew frantic. He purred and kneaded the bedclothes with his fore-paws.

"Little darling!" She got out a saucer which was concealed in the cupboard and presented him with the tit-bit. Barnabas ate the best portion and then paused to lick his face. Sister Christabel lifted him on to her knee, stroking the blue-grey fur, now so soft and clean. She laid her face against the softness, crooning to him lovingly. Barnabas purred with a gay monotony and tacked his tail round his small feet.

There was a knock at the door. Christabel sprang up, thrust Barnabas into the cupboard, shoved the saucer on a shelf, and closed the door. Again came the knock.

"Come in," she called timidly. Sister Clara stood staring round the tiny room. "I fancied I heard you talking to someone, sister. Is no one here?"

"No, sister."

"But I am convinced I heard you talking to someone as I came along. It's not the first time I've heard you conversing affectionately with someone in your room."

Sister Christabel stood silent; her white hands hung loosely by her sides. The humility of her attitude only inflamed the other's curiosity.

"Have you someone hidden in the cupboard, sister?"

"No, indeed I have not. I assure you not."

Her accuser strode towards the cupboard.

"Oh, Sister Clara, please don't search my room! I assure you I have no one here. Who should I have?"

Sister Clara opened the door and stretched up to reach the saucer. Her heavily knotted girdle swung to and fro temptingly. There was a little scurry and Barnabas leaped to embed his claws in the twisted strands. He swung to its motion, clinging with his front paws; his eyes fascinated, his tail twitching. Sister Clara grasped him roughly, startling him so that his swift claws scored red crescents on her hands.

"So this is your secret! Really, I am surprised at you. You know well enough that the rules of the Order forbid you to keep pets—and the deceit of concealing this cat in your room! I simply can't fathom it—I am amazed."

"He was starving, sister. Abandoned in an empty house."

"Indeed! So you thought that authorised you to ignore the rules of your community and practise deceit? Why, the youngest novice would not do such a thing. It is a disgrace to the Order. I don't know what Reverend Mother would think, but I shall not distress her with the tale. She would be so upset. Your sin will be its own punishment. I will leave you to meditate to go down on your knees in repentance."

"What will become of the kitten, sister?"

"I shall arrange for it to go to the cat's home at once."

She swept out and closed the door, but still the plaintive mewling of the bewitched kitten penetrated the thin wood.

Sister Christabel slid to her knees beside the bed. She sobbed chokingly, but the tears which fell on her clasped hands were not tears of repentance.

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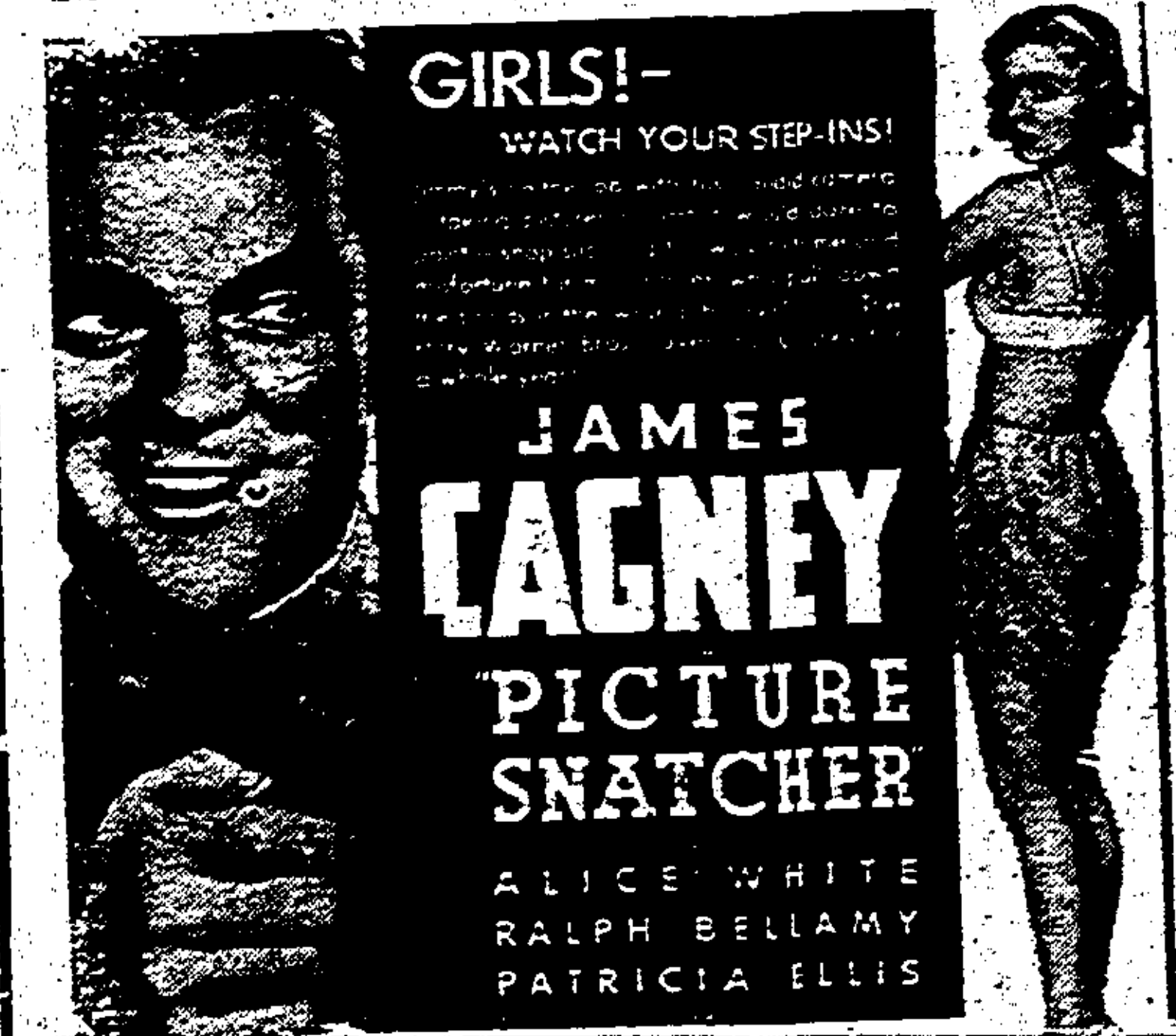
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ARRESTS IN GERMANY Catholic Youth And Communists

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Berlin, To-day.
Seven Communist leaders, 10 priests and 45 Lay Brothers of Catholic Young Men's Association were arrested by special decree in the Rhineland and Westphalia, as a result of the police action to checkmate the simultaneous co-operation between the Catholic Young Men's Association and the illegal Communist organisations, to carry out joint treasonable activities. — Trans-Ocean Service.

BALKAN PACT

Supported By Greece From Conviction

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Athens, To-day.
The Greek Premier, M. Demertzis, speaking to foreign pressmen, stressed that the Greek Government, out of true conviction, supports the Balkan Pact and will do everything possible to fulfil the obligations it has undertaken.

The Premier said: "The Balkan interests and the Greek interests are identical." — Trans-Ocean Service.

INDIGNATION IN COMMONS

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Statement Pending In Commons

BRITISH ACTION MADE CLEAR

London: It is thought probable that the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, will make a statement on the subject of the publication in the Italian press of the Maffey Report in the House of Commons this morning. While the report in question was secret and intended only for the use of the Cabinet and Government Departments, its publication in Italy has caused mystification rather than embarrassment in London, since its contents dispose completely of the contention so frequently advanced in Italian propaganda that the attitude of the British Government towards the Italo-Abyssinian dispute has been actuated by self-interested motives, and make clear that the action taken together with the other League Powers has been dictated purely by respect for obligations under the Covenant.

The report is that of an inter-departmental committee set up to examine the British interests in Abyssinia in preparation for a meeting, at the request of the Italian Government, at the beginning of last year for an exchange of views on the interests of the two Governments in that country. Sir Samuel Hoare had occasion more than once last Autumn, in reply to retrospective Italian complaints of ill-treatment, to refer to the enquiries the Government had set on foot, which had been overtaken by events, including the Italian resort to war in disregard of the League Covenant.

The conclusions of the committee, which have now been published in Italy, have, in fact, been reflected in many statements of the Foreign Secretary and his predecessor in the House of Commons, and were to the effect the British interests in Abyssinia are limited to those, the existence of which has been often admitted by Italy, and in respect of which the Italian Government's assurances have been fully accepted by the British Government. — British Wireless Service.

TOOTH FOUND IN LUNG

Woman's Death By Misadventure

A tooth which became lodged in the lung was stated at the inquest at Blackburn last month to have led to the death of Ellen Greenwood, aged 31, of East Park Avenue, Blackburn. Her husband said that she had 23 teeth extracted and afterwards complained of breathing misadventure.



Mr. Wang Ching-wei, late Chairman of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang, is a passenger by the a.s. Goeben, which is in Hong Kong to-day. Mr. Wang is accompanied by his German medical adviser and his private secretary.

WANG CHING-WEI'S ARRIVAL

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A few privileged persons only were allowed access to Mr. Wang, amongst whom was noticed Mr. Hu Han-min's daughter.

After a long wait Mr. Wang's private secretary, Mr. Tseung Chong-ming, came out and informed the pressmen that there was no possibility of an interview and that he had nothing to tell them except that Mr. Wang was a sick man and was confined to his room on the advice of his German physician, Dr. Noll.

Asked whether Mr. Wang's illness had anything to do with the recent attempt on his life, Mr. Tseung replied that it was an old malady, an affection of the liver, which had returned and the present voyage was being undertaken purely for health reasons. As to plans, they had none; Mr. Wang would decide his future movements when he reached Europe.

EYSTON SEEKS NEW LAURELS

Attempt On World Record

London, To-day.

Captain G. E. T. Eyston, the well-known racing motorist, who holds several world records, hopes to create a new record for cars with heavy oil engines, in the attempt he is preparing to make on Pendine Sands, Carmarthenshire, at the beginning of next week.

The 12-cylinder engine of his car "Flying Spray" is said to embody a number of new features, and its performance is expected to give valuable information bearing on the development of aero-engines using non-inflammable oil.

Captain Eyston is out to beat the official record of 100 miles an hour and the unofficial record held by the American driver Cummings. — British Wireless Service.

HIKING IN GERMANY

Movement Continues To Grow

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Berlin, To-day.
That hiking in Germany becomes more and more popular with the youth of all countries is strikingly revealed in statistics just issued by the Reich Youth Movement, which shows how many youths of each country have used the German Youth Hostels.

The number of foreign youths hiking in Germany rose from 85,000 in 1934 to 110,000 in 1935. The chief countries from which the visitors came were Great Britain, Holland, Denmark, Switzerland, the United States, Poland, Sweden, Czechoslovakia, France, Belgium, Norway, Rumania, South America, Finland, Italy, Asia and Africa. — Trans-Ocean Service.

SYNTHETIC RUBBER

Sensational Changes Predicted

Berlin, To-day.

The German, commenting on Herr Hitler's claim that Germany has solved the synthetic rubber problem, admits that natural rubber is considerably cheaper than the synthetic article, of which at present only 600 tons are being produced monthly, in the face of Germany's total requirements of 6,000 tons.

But the paper prophesies sensational results from the artificial manufacture, which will eventually effect structural changes in the international rubber market. — Reuter.

PROTEST NOTE

German Demand From Switzerland

Berlin, To-day.

The German Minister has been instructed to hand a note to the Swiss Government energetically protesting against the decision of the Swiss Federal Council, prohibiting all Nazi organisations in Switzerland. It is stated that the note stresses the inadmissibility of the Swiss step, protests against the political demonstration underlying this procedure, and expects the revocation of the decision. — Reuter's Bulletin Service.

THE FIGHTING SERVICES

Co-Ordination Plans In Britain

TO BE ANNOUNCED SHORTLY

London, To-day.

Answering a Parliamentary question yesterday afternoon, the Prime Minister, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, said that the plans to be announced shortly for making good the deficiencies in national defence would be a co-ordinated programme, in which the appropriate functions of the three fighting services had been fully taken into account; but any long-range programme must be flexible and subject to continuous review and modification as the circumstances might require. The Prime Minister also announced at Commons question-time that the adjournment of the House would be moved on Monday for the discussion on foreign affairs. Following the debate, which it is hoped to finish by 9.30 p.m., the supplementary estimates for the Navy, Army and Air Force will be considered. — British Wireless Service.

LONDON NAVAL PARLEY

Mr. Davis Expresses Concern

London, To-day.

Mr. Norman Davis called on Mr. Anthony Eden yesterday afternoon and expressed concern about the political issues holding up the work of the Naval Conference. Mr. Eden gave him an assurance that the Conference would concentrate on purely naval matters and would not be unduly prolonged.

Hitherto Admiral Corbin has not called on Mr. Eden. Presumably he is awaiting instructions from Paris on the outcome of the demarche to Washington and other matters. — Reuter.

ANTHRACITE GAS FOR CARS

Experiments Made In Germany

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Berlin.—The first test run of a new German anthracite engine built by the Talbot Company and fitted with Humboldt-Deutz engines and generator, was held recently near Aachen. The coach looks rather like a tram, with a driving platform fore and aft. Anthracite is mined in Germany in considerable quantities, and is cheaper than petrol and oil. — Trans-Ocean Service.

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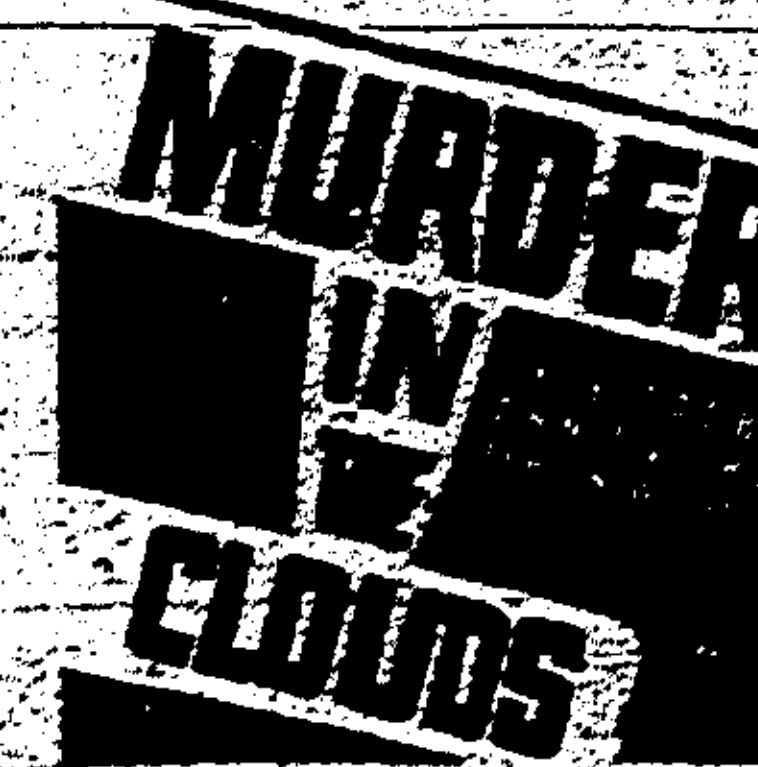
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Majestic

A very fine drama of life in a coal-mining community. Atmosphere and plot both grab, but the intelligent theme and magnificent acting from Paul Muni puts this film in the top spot.

Followed by Lawrence Tibbett and Virginia Bruce in "Metropolitan", a refreshing picture giving magnificent chances to the famous star baritone to render some of his greatest numbers. You won't soon forget his rendition of "The Glory Road", "Toreador Song" and the Barber's song from "The Barber of Seville". Good support from all concerned, and Mr. Tibbett is alone worth your money.

There is plenty of excitement in the next film "Heldorado", a well-told story of a once-prosperous mining town. Dick Arlen does good work.

Then come Mrs. Bing Crosby (Dixie Lee) and John Boles in "Redheads on Parade", a Fox musical with a galaxy of lovely girls, good tunes, humour and a little sentiment. All worth seeing. (Majestic).

Star Kowloon

Dolores del Rio, Pat O'Brien, Edward Everett Horton and others, struggle manfully in a Warner musical "In Caliente". I do not know who allowed Miss del Rio to dance, but it is redeemed by some catchy songs, including Winifred Shaw in the best number "Lady in Red". The best I can say of this film is that it is sumptuously mounted.

"Big Broadcast" with a list of Paramount stars, including Hong Kong's daughter Wendy Barrie. Burns and Allen supply the best laughs. If you care for Lyda Roberti and Jack Oakie here is your chance. Bing Crosby sings one song in his most bored fashion.

A British film "A Cup of Kindness" with Ralph Lynn, Tom Walls and Yvonne Arnaud is scheduled for one night by special request. Lots of fun and one of their most amusing films.

Then this popular theatre will show for the first time in Hong Kong the British musical (Gaumont-British) "Princess Charming" starring Evelyn Laye. More of this later, but the music alone of this is recommendation to see it. (Star).

Oriental

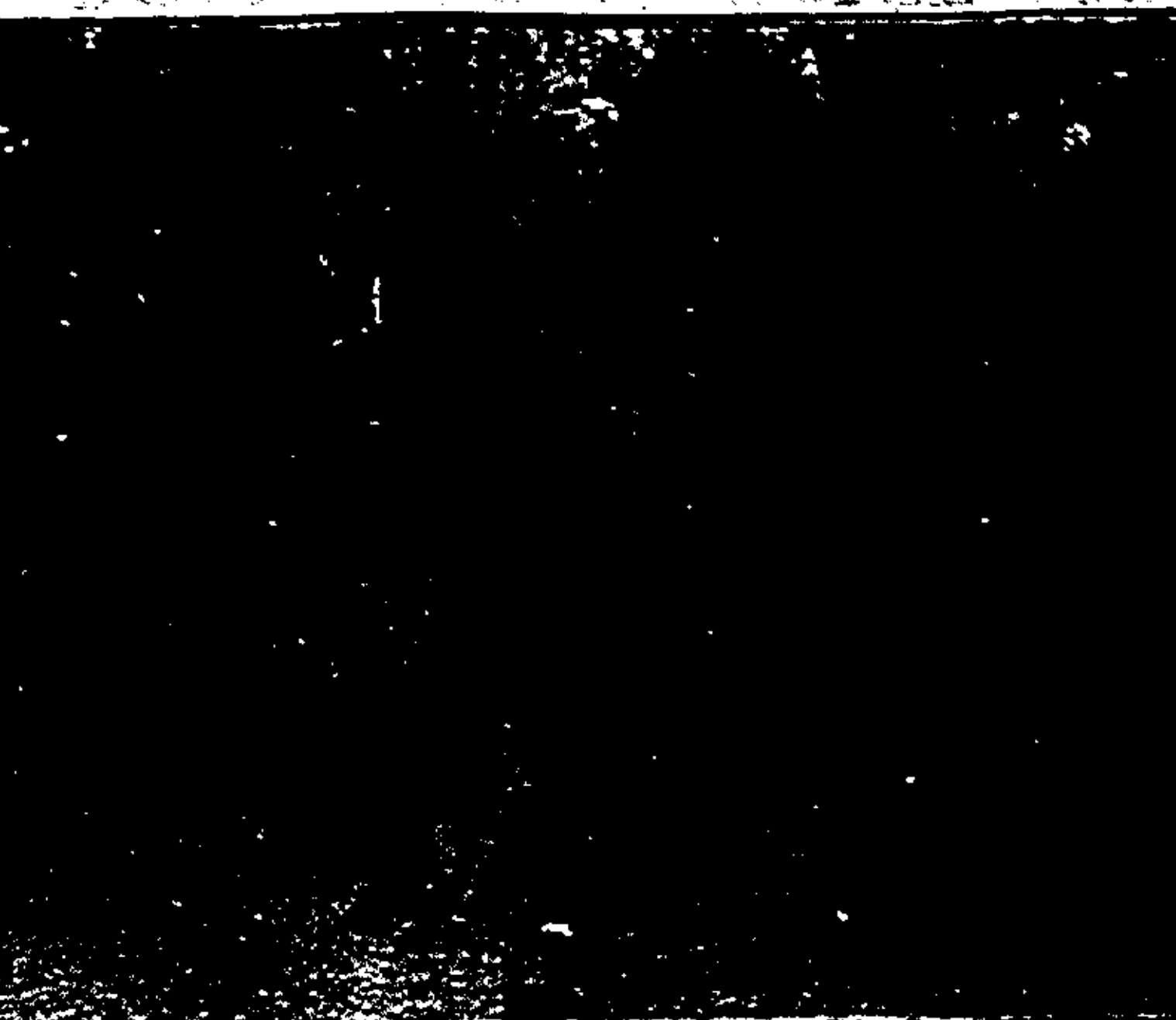
James Cagney, Pat Ellis, Ralph Bellamy and Anne White in "Picture Snatcher". I do not know where the local Censor was when this was passed. I can hardly recommend it, and can only regret that it was allowed.

Followed by the Three Marx Brothers in a film I can heartily recommend "A Night at the Opera". One long scream. They have never been funnier, and the absurd situations, dialogue which is senseless, a grand supporting cast (including Kitty Carlisle and Allen Jones singing delightfully), a harp solo by "Harpo" and a piano solo by Chico put this in the running as the Marx Brothers' best to date.

"Wings in the Dark" is a poignant drama in which Myrna Loy and Cary Grant turn in super performances. Advised. (Oriental)—DIANE.



Ronald Colman plays his greatest romantic role as a one-time Russian Prince in the 20th Century production "The Man Who Broke the Bank at Monte Carlo," which will be shown at the King's and Alhambra Theatres shortly.



Wallace Beery as the lion-tamer in "O'Shaughnessy's Boy," which will be screened at the King's Theatre on Sunday.



Robert McQuade, Edward Everett Horton, Irene Hervey and Clara Kimball Young are in "His Night Out," a Universal picture, which will be screened at the Alhambra Theatre next Tuesday.



Edward Everett Horton and Irene Hervey are in the Universal production, "His Night Out," which will be screened at the Alhambra Theatre next Tuesday.



Dick Powell stars in the leading part in the 20th Century production, "The Man Who Broke the Bank at Monte Carlo," which will be screened at the Alhambra Theatre next Sunday.

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THE SIN OF SISTER CHRISTABEL

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"She need not know if you help to keep the secret."

"Why, of course, I shan't say anything." But you know it's against the rules."

"You mean your conscience will trouble you?"

"Well, won't it be acting a lie, sister? To conceal it from the community?"

Christabel was silent while she struggled with her conscience. The little cat crawled from her sleeve on to her knee, bunched himself together, turned in his tiny feet, and went to sleep.

"Oh, the dear little thing!" cried Sister Ellen.

For some time the two nuns were silent. Sister Ellen smoothed the matted fur, while the other pondered over her duty.

"If you decide to keep him I shan't say anything, dear," Sister Ellen said at last.

"Do you think it will be a sin?" "You couldn't leave him to starve, could you?" was the evasive answer.

The women's eyes met. They smiled at each other with the air of conspirators.

"I shall call him Barnabas," announced Christabel.

"It's a beautiful name," agreed the other.

The light was fading as the bell changed through the convent. A face appeared at the grille in the big door.

"Ah, it's you, sisters. Come in, you must be tired," said the porteress, unlocking the door.

Sister Christabel had her cloak drawn about her. "Yes, we are tired."

"Well, Sister Hilary's got something for you to eat in the refectory. You've got nice time before bedtime."

Up in her cell-like room Sister Christabel drew out her mending basket. It was of a homely, capacious shape, designed for the holding of ample garments. She removed the contents and stowed them in the single drawer provided for the nun's use. Next she lined the basket with an old petticoat and put Barnabas into his new bed. She watched anxiously, fearing he would not settle, but he was exhausted by his privations and the milk had made him drowsy. He fell asleep. Placing the basket in the cupboard in her wall she went down to the refectory.

The room was deserted save for the two late-comers, for the community supper early. Big-built, bluff, lay-sister Hilary attended to them.

"Have you any scraps left from the fish, sister?" asked Christabel. The lay-sister stared at her. "What do you mean, my dear? Scraps of fish? What next, I wonder?"

To Ellen's consternation Hilary was taken into their confidence. She was much amused and promised to smuggle scraps to the stowaway whenever she could.

The days passed and a new look dawned on the face of Sister Christabel; a look of contentment and joy, which the sisters, noticing, thought almost spiritual. She seemed to find fresh happiness in the quiet routine of the convent. Even the Reverend Mother noticed her. "You seem happier of late—almost as if some spiritual experience had enriched your life, my child," she said as the nun came to her study to bid her "Good night," as was the custom.

She flushed and bent her head so that her face was hidden in the folds of her veil. The mother superior interpreted this confusion as humility and took her hand, saying kindly, "Do not distress yourself, I will not intrude on your mental privacy. I am glad to see you so content. Good night, my daughter."

Sister Clara was suspicious of this new happiness. She was the senior member of this branch of the Order, and used her authority to dominate over the more timid members of the community. She watched Christabel narrowly.

As she passed Sister Christabel's room one day, she paused outside to listen. She heard a caressing voice, but could not distinguish the words. She drew a little nearer, making no sound in her soft, leather shoes, and leaned towards the door. There was a wisp of voluminous skirt, and she straightened up as Sister Ellen padded into the corridor.

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Bringing Up Father

